PROCLAMATION

AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Supreme Court recognizes the Honorable James Murphy for his accomplishments in implementing and overseeing the Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 1 Program beginning in 1997, the first of its kind in the State of Nebraska.

WHEREAS, during Judge Murphy's tenure with the Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 1 Program, 44 commencements were held, honoring 1,067 successful participants.

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 1 Program boasts the births of 80 drug free children to drug free mothers.

WHEREAS, in response to the success of the Douglas County Adult Drug Court, since its implementation Nebraska's drug court movement has grown to 25 operational drug courts across the State, and garnered tremendous support from state leaders.

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Adult Drug Court provides the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together public safety professionals and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, the success of drug courts in Nebraska, including the Douglas County Adult Drug Court is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the many judges, coordinators, county attorneys, public defenders, treatment professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, and other state and community leaders dedicated to the drug court movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice of Nebraska, do hereby recognize and commend the Honorable James Murphy, Judge of the Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 1 Program, for his dedication to making drug courts work in Nebraska and for the significant contributions he has made to the lives of so many drug court participants over the past 12 years.

AND THE SAME is hereby ordered and done at Omaha on March the Twelfth, Two Thousand Nine.

Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice