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### **OFFICIAL DESIGNATION AS A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**

June 27, 2011, Ukiah, CA — Sheriff Tom Allman is very pleased to announce that Mendocino County has received the official designation as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) County. The HIDTA designation will greatly assist us in combating the scourge of methamphetamine in Mendocino County. "We have joined with 10 other counties to share resources and intelligence to continue our focused attention towards meth and other hard drugs in Mendocino County". Mendocino County joins Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties as a member of Northern California HIDTA. The Northern California HIDTA was established in 1997 and is supported by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The Director of the National Drug Control Policy, Gil Kerlikowske, was very instrumental in assisting Mendocino County with this designation. "Close collaboration with our Federal, state, local, and tribal partners is a critical component of our efforts to reduce both the demand and supply of drugs," said Kerlikowske. "By designating Mendocino County as a HIDTA County, we will create a powerful catalyst for cooperation among federal, state, local, and tribal agencies working to make our communities healthier and safer."

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA) stated "Mendocino County's HIDTA designation is an important step in the fight against drug trafficking organizations in our community. Illegal drugs and drug abuse are extremely destructive problems that require an incredible amount of manpower and resources to combat. Additionally, drug traffickers cause significant environmental devastation, diverting streams, dumping trash and chemicals, cutting trees, and generally destroying our public lands. Finally, after years of fighting for this designation, local law enforcement agencies now have the tools they need to keep local families safe and healthy."

"Congressman Thompson has been the key to getting this through Congress. His daily phone calls and his determination clearly demonstrate his commitment to our County." Sheriff Allman would also like to thank the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the three city police chiefs for supporting this designation which will improve the overall quality of life in Mendocino County for our citizens and for our visitors.

Ronald Brooks, Director of Northern California HIDTA related "We fully support the incorporation of Mendocino County into Northern California HIDTA and are proud of our role in securing the designation. Northern California HIDTA looks forward to continuing to work with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Congressman Thompson to combat drug trafficking in our communities. This was definitely a team effort."

A press release from the Office of National Drug Control Policy can be found at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/press11/062011.html> .

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