



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DRUG COURT MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, drug treatment courts use a team of court and community professionals to help ensure that offenders who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol receive the intensive treatment they need to become healthy, law abiding, and productive family and community members; and

WHEREAS, drug courts have been restoring lives and families since 1995; there are more than 4,000 treatment drug courts nationwide and over 60 courts in 32 counties in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, drug treatment courts can significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crimes, and do so at less expense than other criminal justice strategies; and

WHEREAS, drug courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS, drug courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the vital contributions and reforms that drug treatment courts have brought to our justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2022, as **"DRUG COURT MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.