



# PROCLAMATION A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

## TREATMENT COURT MONTH

THE FIRST DRUG TREATMENT COURT IN NORTH CAROLINA WAS CREATED IN 1995. IN RECOGNITION OF THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF TREATMENT COURTS IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS, THE MONTH OF MAY IS HEREBY DECLARED "TREATMENT COURT MONTH" FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH.

**WHEREAS,** TREATMENT COURTS HAVE BEEN RESTORING LIVES AND FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR 28 YEARS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE OVERALL GOAL OF NORTH CAROLINA'S TREATMENT COURTS IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY BREAK THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION THAT GIVES RISE TO REPEATED LAW-BREAKING EPISODES; AND

**WHEREAS,** TREATMENT COURTS REPRESENT CORNERSTONE OF JUSTICE REFORM ACROSS THE NATION; AND

**WHEREAS,** TREATMENT COURTS HAVE SERVED 1.5 MILLION INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE; AND

**WHEREAS,** THEY ARE NOW RECOGNIZED AS A VERY SUCCESSFUL JUSTICE SYSTEM INNOVATION; AND

**WHEREAS,** THEY SAVE AN AVERAGE OF \$6,000 FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL THEY SERVE ACCORDING TO NATIONAL AVERAGES; AND

**WHEREAS,** NATIONAL RESEARCH SHOWS THAT TREATMENT COURTS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT OUTCOMES, SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE ADDICTION AND RELATED CRIME, AND DO SO AT LESS EXPENSE THAN ANY OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGY; AND

**WHEREAS,** TREATMENT 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,** TREATMENT COURTS FACILITATE COMMUNITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIPS, BRINGING TOGETHER PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS "TREATMENT COURT MONTH" FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH.

THIS THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2023.

PAUL NEWBY, CHIEF JUSTICE  
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA