



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 29 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 29 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THE OVERALL GOAL OF NORTH CAROLINA’S TREATMENT COURTS IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY BREAK THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS THAT GIVE RISE TO REPEATED LAW-BREAKING EPISODES; AND

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

WHEREAS, TREATMENT COURTS HAVE SERVED MORE THAN 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 AND CHILD WELFARE 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 HEALTHY BABIES; 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 2024 AS “TREATMENT COURT MONTH” FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH.

THIS THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

PAUL NEWBY, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA