

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**TREATMENT COURT MONTH | 2025**

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Durham County has two active treatment courts devoted to serving citizens with substance use and mental health disorders; and

**WHEREAS,** according to All Rise, treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts save an average of more than \$6,000 for every individual they serve and provide a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and prison expenditures, increased tax revenues, lowered foster care expenses, and decreased costs related to victimization; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts combine accountability with evidence-based treatment and annually refer more than 150,000 people to lifesaving treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS,** according to All Rise, treatment courts significantly improve substance use and mental health disorder treatment outcomes and prevent fatal overdoses; and

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

**WHEREAS,** there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide and treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises, we all rise.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

**“TREATMENT COURT MONTH”**

in Durham County, North Carolina, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to assist justice involved individuals struggling with addiction and/or mental health issues to gain access to the treatment resources necessary to make substantive changes in their lives.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

