

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH | 2018**

**WHEREAS,** there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts are a cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts have served more than 1.4 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS,** they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** 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; and

**WHEREAS,** treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; and

**WHEREAS,** the time has come to put a treatment court within reach of every eligible person in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2018** as

**“NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH”**

in Durham County, and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies to support this year's theme: **“JUSTICE FOR ALL”**

The 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

