

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, for over twenty years Durham Drug Court has been restoring lives, reuniting families, and making communities across North Carolina safer; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships that bring together criminal justice, public safety, and treatment professionals in the fight against substance abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts reduce criminal recidivism; and save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement has grown nationwide from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,900 operational Drug Courts; and over the past twenty-five years Drug Courts have served over 1.4 million individuals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is operating a successful adult program that has helped many Durham citizens regain sobriety and connect with resources to maintain long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, in May, National Drug Court Month celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families; we invite all residents of Durham, North Carolina to participate in National Drug Court Month.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

“NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 13th day of May 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

