



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th anniversary of recovery courts; and

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

WHEREAS, there are currently 77 recovery courts across Tennessee, which include Adult Drug Courts, Veteran Treatment Courts, Juvenile and Family Drug Courts, Adult Mental Health Courts, DUI Courts and Human Trafficking Courts; and

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

WHEREAS, these courts save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, recovery 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, recovery 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, recovery courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of this valuable judicial service, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

Recovery Court Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fourth day of April, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargott

Secretary of State

