



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, this year marks the 31st anniversary of recovery courts; and

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

WHEREAS, there are currently 84 recovery courts across Tennessee, which include Adult Drug Courts, Veterans Treatment Courts, Juvenile and Family Drug Courts, Adult Mental Health Courts, DUI Courts, and Human Trafficking Courts; and

WHEREAS, these courts save an average of \$6,000+ for every individual they serve; 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, do hereby proclaim May 2020 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-fifth day of February, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Hayett

Secretary of State