



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, there are currently 85 recovery courts across Tennessee including Adult Drug Court, Adult Mental Health Courts, Veterans Treatment Courts, Family and Juvenile Drug Courts, DUI/DWI Courts, and a Human Trafficking Court; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and the General Assembly have partnered to increase state funding for treatment courts by \$15 million creating new residential treatment courts and mental health courts; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts save an average of \$6,000 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; and

WHEREAS, treatment 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 the month of May 2023, as

Treatment 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 nineteenth day of May, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Wingo

Secretary of State