

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Proclamation*

**In re: Drug Court Month**

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

**WHEREAS**, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

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

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

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

**WHEREAS**, they 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 professionals; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida recognizes and celebrates National Drug Court Month during the month of May.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 4th day of May, 2021.

  
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Jack Tuter, Chief Judge