

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS DRUG COURT MONTH

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

WHEREAS, there are now nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide and 59 in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have a graduation rate of nearly 60% nationally and 67% in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma County's treatment court graduation rate is 83%, making it one of the most successful programs in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served more than 1.5 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma County's treatment court has had over 900 graduates since 2016 and is currently serving over 400 current participants; and

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

WHEREAS, Oklahoma treatment courts have saved Oklahoma taxpayers nearly 83 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts substantially reduce substance dependence and its related harms and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and improve outcomes for babies born to substance-dependent parents; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that we all benefit when one person receives the treatment they need and successfully ends their substance dependence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County does hereby recognize May as Drug Court Month.

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

David B. Hooten, County Clerk