

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH | 2019**

**WHEREAS,** for over twenty years Durham Drug Court has been restoring lives, reuniting families, and making communities across North Carolina safer; and

**WHEREAS,** Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships that bring together criminal justice, public safety, and treatment professionals in the fight against substance abuse and criminality; and

**WHEREAS,** Drug Courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS,** Drug Courts reduce criminal recidivism; and save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** the Drug Court movement has grown nationwide from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,900 operational Drug Courts; and over the past twenty-five years Drug Courts have served over 1.4 million individuals nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** Durham County is operating a successful adult program that has helped many Durham citizens regain sobriety and connect with resources to maintain long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** in May, National Drug Court Month celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families; we invite all residents of Durham, North Carolina to participate in National Drug Court Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

**“NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH”**

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

