

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating
Council
INITIATED BY



4/20/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Proclaiming May 2023 Treatment Court Month

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

WHEREAS, there are nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, they are 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; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County started its Drug Court in April 2007, and has had 704 total participants and 337 successful graduates as of April 20, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County started its Veterans Court in September 2009, and has had 93 total participants and 66 successful graduates as of April 15, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County started its OWI Court in October 2012, and has had 185 total participants and 125 successful graduates as of April 15, 2023.

WHEREAS, Rock County started its Family Recovery Court in August 2019, and has had 51 total participants, 5 successful graduates, and 14 families unified, as of April 15, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 11th day of May, 2023, does hereby declare that a "Treatment Court Month" be established during the month of May 2023.

Committee Action

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a roll call vote of 4-1 in which Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Knudson, and Whitledge voted "Aye" and Supervisor Zoril voted "Nay."

