

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF MAY, 2023, AS TREATMENT COURT MONTH IN
THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades and are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide serving more than 1.5 million individuals and recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Treatment Court program has successfully graduated more than 1,000 justice-involved individuals from its program, thereby avoiding over 5,000 years of incarceration, saving millions of dollars in taxpayer savings, and restoring countless lives; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, treatment courts save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Treatment Court graduates have a 9% recidivism rate, compared to a 54% recidivism rate for offenders released from prison; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use abuse disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and
- § 7. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023, as Treatment Court Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

