

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

Reps. Witwer, Aiyash, Bezotte, Brabec, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, Hope, MacDonell, McFall, Morgan, Morse, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Weiss, Wilson, Xiong and Young offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare May 2024 as Treatment Court Month in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice  
4 reform sweeping the nation and are recognized as the most  
5 successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

6           Whereas, More than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide,  
7 including Michigan's 210 treatment courts, have restored the lives  
8 and families of more than 1.5 million individuals; and

9           Whereas, Outcomes have shown significant improvements to

1 substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction  
2 and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other  
3 criminal justice strategy with a savings of an average of \$6,000  
4 for every individual they serve; and

5       Whereas, Treatment courts facilitate community-wide  
6 partnerships, bringing together judges, prosecutors, defense  
7 attorneys, substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation  
8 professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel,  
9 researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and  
10 others dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment  
11 programs are healing families and communities across the country;  
12 and

13       Whereas, Treatment courts improve public safety, education,  
14 employment, housing, financial stability, promote family  
15 reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate  
16 of mothers delivering babies who are drug-free; and

17       Whereas, Treatment courts demonstrate that when one person  
18 rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; now, therefore,  
19 be it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare May 2024 as Treatment Court Month in  
22 the state of Michigan.