

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

Rep. Witwer 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
10 substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction
11 and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other
12 criminal justice strategy with a savings of an average of \$6,000

1 for every individual they serve; and

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

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

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

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
18 this legislative body declare May 2024 as Treatment Court Month in
19 the state of Michigan.