

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Senators Shink, Bellino, McCann, Klinefelt, Wojno, Cavanagh, McMorro, Bayer, Johnson and Chang offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 2023 as Drug Court Month.

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

5 Whereas, Nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide, including
6 Michigan's 208 treatment courts, have restored the lives and
7 families of more than 1.5 million individuals; and

8 Whereas, Outcomes have shown significant improvements to
9 substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction
10 and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other
11 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 abuse 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 education, employment,
11 housing, financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce
12 foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers
13 delivering babies who are fully 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 Senate, That the members of this legislative
18 body recognize May 2023 as Drug Court Month.