



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DRUG COURT MONTH**

**2021**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, drug treatment court (DTC) uses a team of court and community professionals to help ensure that offenders who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol receive the intensive treatment they need to become healthy, law abiding, and productive family and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, drug treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; there are more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide that have served an estimated 1.5 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, drug treatment courts can significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crimes, and do so at less expense than other criminal justice strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 26 counties across North Carolina where there are operational Adult Drug Treatment Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the vital contributions and reforms that drug treatment courts have brought to our justice system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2021, as “**DRUG COURT MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.