



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-31

### National Drug Court Month

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades and have served more than 1.5 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide which are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history and save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

**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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use, we all rise.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as **National Drug Court Month** in Charles County and urge all residents to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

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