

# PROCLAMATION

National Drug Court Month  
May 2019

**WHEREAS**, there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts have served more than 1.4 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, they are recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, there are five treatment courts in Carson City; Carson City Misdemeanor Treatment Court presided by Judge Tom Armstrong, Mental Health Court presided by Judge Kristin Luis, Western Regional DUI and Drug Courts presided by Judge Peter Breen and Judge Archie Blake, and Juvenile Drug Court presided by Special Master Kimberly Okezie.

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals and 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 demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.



**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim that May 2019 be established as National Drug Court Month.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2019

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor