

Oakland County Board of Commissioners

# Proclamation

HONORING

## NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

**WHEREAS**, every individual struggling with addiction or mental health issues deserves to be treated with dignity, and to be provided the opportunity to recover and to build a healthy, productive life; and

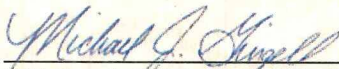
**WHEREAS**, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes and substantially reduce addiction and related crime. They improve education, employment, housing and financial stability and promote family reunification. They also reduce foster care placements and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships and bring together public safety and public healthcare professionals. They are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in the history of our country, while still costing less than any other criminal justice strategy. There are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide and they have served more than 1.4 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand together to honor National Drug Court Month and to recognize the many law enforcement, public health and justice system professionals that support treatment courts in Oakland County, as well as the countless individuals who are participating in and graduating from these critical programs.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Michael J. Gingell, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, together with Commissioner Philip J. Weipert and the entire Oakland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim special commendation to all the supporters of, and participants in, our local treatment courts. We thank all the individuals involved for their important work on behalf of creating stronger families and communities in Oakland County.

*Attested to this 2nd day of May 2018, at Pontiac, Michigan.*



**Michael J. Gingell, Chairman**  
*Oakland County Board of Commissioners*

