

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

Rep. Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2023 as Drug Court Awareness Month
2 in the state of Michigan.

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

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

9 Whereas, Outcomes have shown significant improvements to
10 substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction
11 and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other
12 criminal justice strategy with a savings of an average of \$6,000
13 for every individual they serve]; and

1 Whereas, Treatment courts improve education, employment,
2 housing, and financial stability, promote family reunification,
3 reduce foster care placements, increase the rate of addicted
4 mothers delivering babies who are fully drug-free, and demonstrate
5 that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, all
6 rise; and

7 Whereas, Treatment courts facilitate community-wide
8 partnerships, bringing together judges, prosecutors, defense
9 attorneys, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation
10 professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel,
11 researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and
12 others dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment
13 programs are healing families and communities across the country;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Drug Court Awareness
17 Month in the state of Michigan.