SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Senators Wojno, Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Geiss, Johnson, Polehanki and Santana offered the following resolution: A resolution to recognize May 2025 as Treatment Court Month. 1 2 Whereas, Treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation and are recognized as the most 3 successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and 4 Whereas, Nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide, including 5 Michigan's 200 treatment courts, have restored the lives and 6 families of more than 1.5 million individuals; and 7 8 Whereas, Outcomes have shown significant improvements to 9 substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other 10 criminal justice strategy with a savings of an average of \$6,000 11 for every individual they serve; and 12 Whereas, Treatment courts facilitate community-wide 13

- 1 partnerships, bringing together judges, prosecutors, defense
- 2 attorneys, substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation
- 3 professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel,
- 4 researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and
- 5 others dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment
- 6 programs and are healing families and communities across the
- 7 country; and
- 8 Whereas, Treatment courts improve public safety, education,
- 9 employment, housing, financial stability, promote family
- 10 reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate
- 11 of mothers delivering babies who are drug-free; and
- 12 Whereas, Treatment courts demonstrate that when one person
- 13 rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; now, therefore,
- 14 be it
- 15 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 16 body recognize May 2025 as Treatment Court Month.