



WHEREAS, according to All Rise, treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders; and,

WHEREAS, treatment courts save an average of more than \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and,

WHEREAS, treatment courts provide a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and prison expenditures, increased tax revenues, lowered foster care expenses, and decreased costs related to victimization; and,

WHEREAS, treatment courts combine accountability with evidence-based treatment; and,

WHEREAS, treatment courts annually refer more than 150,000 people to lifesaving treatment and recovery support services; and,

WHEREAS, according to All Rise, treatment courts significantly improve substance use and mental health disorder treatment outcomes and prevent fatal overdoses; and,

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

WHEREAS, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises, we all rise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of May 2026 as

### *Treatment Court Month*

in Gaston County.

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