

**City of Rochelle, Illinois  
Office of the Mayor**

Proclamation

**Drug Court Awareness Week  
May 13-19, 2019**

**Whereas**, this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of treatment courts; and

**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 1.5 million individuals; and

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

**Whereas**, they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

**Whereas**, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

**Whereas**, treatment courts 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 facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

**Whereas**, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle do hereby proclaim the week of May 13-19, 2019 as **Drug Court Awareness Week**.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed this 13th day of May 2019.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Messer  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

