

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, King County’s therapeutic courts improve both public health and public safety, using evidence-based approaches to support adults, youth, and families affected by substance use and behavioral health conditions to rebuild their lives, creating safer, healthier communities that benefit us all; and

WHEREAS, King County is a national and statewide leader in supporting effective pathways out of the legal system and towards recovery and family reunification, having pioneered some of the earliest therapeutic courts in the country and continuing to champion their ongoing innovation; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts provide case management; substance use and mental health treatment; peer support and mentoring; connections to education, employment, housing, community-based services, parenting support, and tangible resources to promote stability and help participants achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, the King County Drug Diversion Court, King County Family Treatment Court, King County Regional Mental Health Court, King County Regional Veterans Court, Juvenile Therapeutic Response & Accountability Court (JTRAC), and several District Court Community Courts are therapeutic courts that provide meaningful alternatives to traditional case processing; and

WHEREAS, youth and adults involved in the criminal legal and dependency systems are resilient and can achieve long-term recovery when provided the right combination of support, resources, structure, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, King County’s therapeutic courts provide demonstrable benefits to individuals and King County residents overall, with studies showing a return on investment and key outcomes, such as higher likelihood of success in treatment, greater rates of family reunification, increased employment, crime reduction, and lower rates of psychiatric hospitalization and emergency department usage; and

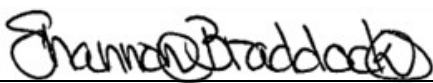
WHEREAS, therapeutic court participants and alumni create positive ripple effects in King County communities, inspiring hope and giving back as parents, good neighbors, dedicated mentors, productive employees, and effective role models;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive, proclaim May 2025, as


THERAPEUTIC COURT MONTH

in King County and encourage all residents to join us in this special observance.

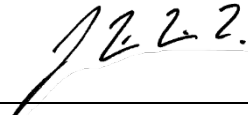
DATED this THIRTEENTH day of MAY, 2025.



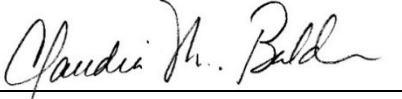
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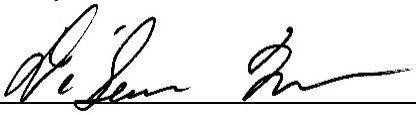
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