CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts are the most successful criminal legal system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders while improving both public health and public safety utilizing evidence-based practices to support individuals and families in making long-term changes that create safer, healthier communities and benefit us all; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts save an average of more than $6,000 for every individual they serve, providing a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and jail expenditures, increased tax revenues, and decreased costs related to victimization, reduced recidivism, fewer emergency department visits, prevent fatal overdoses, and fewer children born substance affected; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Municipal Court's five therapeutic courts create meaningful pathways out of the criminal legal system, towards recovery and family reunification by facilitating community-wide partnerships, bridging together public safety and public health:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May as

NATIONAL TREATMENT COURT MONTH

in Spokane.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
30th day of April 2026.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor