

Proclamation



Nebraska Judicial Branch

WHEREAS, Problem-Solving Courts are innovative programs that combine intensive community-based supervision, judicial accountability, and behavioral health treatment to intervene against crime by addressing circumstances underlying criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, Problem-Solving Courts in Nebraska are specifically designed for specialized populations of justice-involved individuals and families, including those with substance use and/or mental health disorders, who are veterans, who are reentering the community after incarceration, or who are young adults; and

WHEREAS, Problem-Solving Court teams are dedicated to utilizing evidence-based practices, ensuring extensive training for team members, and collaborating with community partners to provide comprehensive interventions for participants; and

WHEREAS, Problem-Solving Courts demonstrate cost savings, protect public safety, and increase the likelihood of successful rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Problem-Solving Courts rely on the expertise and support from judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, supervision personnel, law enforcement, treatment providers, researchers, educators, and others dedicated to Problem-Solving Courts to improve lives and strengthen communities across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT MONTH

On behalf of the Nebraska Judicial Branch, I urge all citizens – particularly those with the legal community – to recognize Problem-Solving Court teams who continue to make significant contributions to the Problem-Solving Courts and the judicial system.



GIVEN under my hand,

Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican

Dated this 3rd day of May 2023

