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## Essex Vicinage Drug Court Holds 8th Annual Recovery Walk

In recognition of National Drug Court Month in May, the Essex Vicinage will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Recovery Walk on Tuesday, May 26 at 1 p.m., Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria announced.

This event will mark the first year the recovery walk will be virtual. The event will continue to bring together drug court professionals, team members, treatment providers, participants, and members of support networks to continue promoting total wellness, personal fitness, and the prevention of drug and alcohol use.

While walk participants typically receive a commemorative T-shirt and bag containing pamphlets and informational material, this year's walk will aim to provide an informative program through the Zoom platform. Attendees will be invited to take part in a four-pronged program to parallel the four laps participants would normally walk representing the four phases of the drug court program.

The 2020 virtual recovery walk theme is "We are in this Together." Through provider presentations, wellness education, and a supportive message montage compiled from contributions from the team, the virtual walk will encourage all to keep moving forward.

All invitations to the recovery walk will be sent out via Zoom.