



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, a primary force for change in our society, community corrections continues to be recognized throughout New York State as an integral part of our state and local criminal and juvenile justice system with the annual supervision of over 140,000 probationers and over 40,000 parolees, as well as the supervision of thousands of individuals through pre-trial, community service, defender-based advocacy and other specialized correctional alternative programs; and

Whereas, through dedication, intervention and advocacy, probation, parole, and other community corrections professionals help the judiciary, other releasing authorities, and public officers identify and avoid the inappropriate use of detention, incarceration or placement for eligible individuals and consider suitable alternative measures or sanctions; and

Whereas, probation and parole officers are peace officers who risk their lives to monitor those under their supervision, enforce terms and conditions of release, execute warrants, and collaborate with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in conducting field intelligence work and in partnering with joint initiatives to investigate and combat crime; and

Whereas, probation and parole officers have been instrumental in enhancing public safety and helping prevent and solve crimes by promoting offender accountability of those under their supervision through DNA collection, securing compliance with the Sex Offender Registration Act, carefully monitoring alcohol, substance abuse, and driving restrictions and other specialized conditions, and enforcing orders of protection; and

Whereas, community corrections professionals have been at the forefront of promoting and achieving successful reentry and reintegration of individuals into their respective communities, strengthening their ties and responsibilities to their families and children, and achieving greater offender accountability, including child support collection and restitution payments, and other terms and conditions of release; these professionals also provide key services, support and protection to victims which ensure their views are heard within our justice system, incorporated into policies and procedures, and that their needs and concerns are addressed through restitution and timely collection and disbursement, and ongoing monitoring and enforcement of conditions of release; and

Whereas, community corrections professionals make a significant difference in the lives of countless at-risk youth and young and adult offenders and, over the years, have effected visible changes in individual behavior and helped reduce re-arrest and recidivism rates; it is fitting that New Yorkers join to applaud these champions of community justice and instrumental forces of positive change who deserve appreciation and recognition for their significant contributions to keeping New York the safest large state in the nation;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 18-24, 2010 as

PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capital in the City of Albany this seventh day
of July in the year two thousand ten.

David A. Paterson

Governor

Laurence Schwartz

Secretary to the Governor