

Proclamation

**Phereas*, New Yorkers appreciate the critically important work carried out by all sectors of our state's public safety and law enforcement agencies, and we join to recognize the resources, programs, and services that effectively facilitate disposition of the criminal justice system, including pre-trial services, probation, parole, and community supervision – all of which are essential to the overall operation of our justice system; and

Elected, probation, parole, and community supervision professionals uphold the law with respect and dignity, while promoting opportunities for success for individuals under their supervision and recognizing the rights of victims and the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; these trained professionals not only provide services and referrals for individuals on supervision, but also advance community safety, victim advocacy, and restorative justice; and

Exercise, in 2021, probation officers in New York State supervised approximately 77,000 cases involving adults and 1,500 cases involving youth; provided intake and adjustment services to 9,600 youth to divert them from formal court proceedings; and conducted nearly 24,000 pre-sentence investigations of adults and more than 1,800 pre-disposition investigations of youth, to advise the courts on disposition and sentencing; these officers also rely on and advance evidence-based practices to help determine the needs of individuals to assist them with achieving more successful outcomes; and

Hereas, probation, parole, and community supervision professionals from 57 counties in New York State and the five counties of New York City probation departments, as well as the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, which, along with not-for-profit pre-trial programs, promote prevention, intervention, individual change in thinking, behavior, and advocacy to promote individual success and public safety; and

Exercise, New York State funds 20 County Re-Entry Task Forces designed to enhance inter-agency coordination, and probation, parole, and community supervision professionals partner with these resources to address the needs of individuals returning from incarceration to their communities; and

Exercise, probation, parole, and community supervision professionals prevent recidivism by helping individuals on pre-trial release, probation, and parole supervision, as well as those formerly incarcerated in state prison; through effective treatment, training, education, and other services, individuals under their supervision are guided to become productive members of their families and communities, and lead successful, crime-free lives; and

Whereas, collectively representing an important component of our justice system, pre-trial services, probation, parole, and community supervision professionals help maintain law and order at the state and local levels, and we recognize and appreciate their contributions to ensuring the safety of people and communities across New York State;

Dow, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 17 - 23, 2022 as

PRE-TRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

in the Empire State.

at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fourteenth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-two.

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Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh