



MEMORANDUM
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 12, 2016

FROM: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Proclamation of July 17-23, 2016, as Probation Services Week in Placer County

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing July 17-23, 2016, as Probation Services Week.

BACKGROUND:

During the week of July 17th through the 23rd, 2016, people across the United States and Canada will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for our public safety. This year, we highlight the efforts of many communities involved in Justice Reinvestment. Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, examine corrections and related criminal justice spending, manage and allocate criminal justice populations in a more cost-effective manner, and reinvest savings in strategies that can hold offenders accountable, decrease crime, and strengthen neighborhoods.

Today in America, there are over 5 million adults and over 400,000 juveniles under some form of community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by pretrial, probation and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the offender attends counseling sessions and helping offenders to find suitable housing and employment. Many officers also supervise offenders using electronic monitoring equipment which requires expert knowledge of newer technologies.

Probation is a court ordered sanction that allows a person to remain in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The conditions of this community-based supervision can vary. It could include jail time, fines, restitution, community service or other sanctions. Probation can also require a predetermined number of visits to their probation officer. If the person does not follow the rules of their probation, they could go back before the judge and be sent to jail or prison.

Some of the probation officers' job duties include the following: Monitoring compliance with court orders; Assisting offenders in obtaining needed services, such as housing and employment; Overseeing the rehabilitation of offenders; Conducting offender work and home visits; Administering drug tests; and Providing services, support and protection for victims of crime.

Probation officers must become competent in addressing the following issues: Drug and alcohol abuse; Sexual deviancy; Child abuse; Domestic violence; and, Mental illness. Probation officers work hand in hand with community groups and social service agencies to provide offenders and victims with the support and services they need. Probation officers maintain partnerships with law enforcement and other justice agencies to share information and expertise.

Members of our community are encouraged to join together during Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Proclamation

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING July 17-23, 2016, AS, Probation Services Week

WHEREAS, the Probation Department and its Staff are an essential part of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, while recognizing its integral role within the Justice System, the Placer County Probation Department carries its mission within the Restorative Justice Model with focus points being Public Safety, Offender Accountability, Offender Competency, and Victim Restoration; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, Probation Staff are compassionate public servants who respect the dignity, cultural diversity and human rights of all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers are highly skilled individuals who encourage and achieve successful re-entry and integration of offenders into their respective communities, through the utilization of evidence based practices; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers work in partnership with local law enforcement, community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers are a true force for positive change who advocate community and restorative justice by providing services and referrals for offenders; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers are trained professionals who are problem solvers, change agents, and concerned about ensuring the highest level of public safety to the community; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers provide services, support, and protection for victims of crime,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, July 12, 2016, proclaiming July 17 - 23, 2016 as:

Probation Services Week

and encourage all citizens to honor our Probation Officers and Staff and to recognize their achievements.

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2
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