

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 21 - 27, 2024, AS "PRETRIAL, PROBATION & PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK"

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WHEREAS, during the week of July 21 - 27, 2024 probation, parole, community supervision officers, criminal justice and juvenile justice professionals, and communities across the nation will join to celebrate Pretrial, Probation, & Parole Supervision Week; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department today consists of over 328 dedicated professionals working collaboratively with other agencies and community partners to deliver evidence-based programs to justice-involved adults and youth, while focusing on the enhancement of safety, the reduction of recidivism and racial inequities, the protection of and compensation to victims, the promotion of crime prevention services, intervention, rehabilitation, positive youth development, and restorative justice principles; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers and Juvenile Institutions Officers provide an efficient and cost-effective use of public resources by supervising approximately 2,639 adults and approximately 273 youth within Santa Barbara County. The Probation Department conducts pretrial assessments and currently monitors 555 individuals on Pretrial supervision utilizing the least restrictive options necessary to ensure public safety, while allowing them to remain in the community and avoid incarceration, and assists with the reduction of local jail population by providing supervision, assessment, and service referral to individuals approved for release on the Alternative Sentencing Program; and

WHEREAS, during the Department's 115 years of service, Probation's role has evolved dramatically and Probation now serves as an integral partner in local law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The Probation Department serves as an essential connector in the justice system, bridging the gap and maximizing the resources available to reduce recidivism by carefully balancing direct human services with research-based deterrents and interventions. Probation Department staff possess and continue to display a high degree of professionalism, commitment and pride in the work they perform for the Courts, in our juvenile justice facilities and in the community, while striving to guide and support justice-involved individuals toward becoming productive and successful members of the community. Santa Barbara County Probation Officers, Juvenile Institutions Officers, and Pretrial Service Specialists dedicate their lives to rehabilitation and community safety in order to improve the quality of life for all in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, hereby proclaims the week of July 21 - 27, 2024, as "Pretrial, Probation & Parole Supervision Week" and recognizes these Officers for their significant contribution to making the County of Santa Barbara a safer place to live.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 9th day of July 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.

