



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, Community Supervision is an essential component of our state and local criminal justice systems and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision employs approximately 29,000 individuals, including Parole Officers who, as members of law enforcement, are responsible for offenders under their supervision; and

**Whereas**, the City of New York and counties throughout New York State employ 3,000 probation officers, who enforce the orders and conditions set by the Courts in supervising 6,000 juveniles and 100,000 adults under the supervision; and

**Whereas**, there are 45 pre-trial service programs in New York State, including the New York City Criminal Justice Agency and the 44 pre-trial service agencies funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; together, these programs screen 340,000 individuals each year and secure the release of 170,000; and

**Whereas**, Community Supervision offers thousands of young and adult offenders the opportunity to face their unlawful conduct, obtain treatment and counseling, secure and retain employment, meet their financial obligations, and become law-abiding members of society; professionals working in this field assess the risk that each offender poses to the community and develop supervision plans that ensure fair and equal treatment of the offenders served, and the safety of residents of New York State; and

**Whereas**, Probation Officers work in partnership with police, prosecutors, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and the Courts to enhance community safety in all counties of New York State, screening and assessing individuals for risk, making recommendations to the court for conditions of release, and supervising defendants, including those who are released from secure custody during the pretrial phase; and

**Whereas**, Parole Officers assist, guide, and supervise offenders during a period of post-release, helping them comply with the terms and conditions, and working with community-based organizations to deliver needed services; they assess the needs of offenders, set standards for supervision, schedule or supervise rehabilitation program attendance and progress, and report on the progress and behavior of offenders; and

**Whereas**, every day, Community Supervision professionals carry out their duties within their respective communities in order to hold offenders accountable, reduce re-arrest rates, promote victim and community safety, and help offenders change their thinking and behavior, so they can lead productive lives; they work diligently at identifying community-based programming, improving service delivery, advocating for graduated sanctions, successfully reintegrating offenders into society through state and/or local re-entry strategies, facilitating reunification with families, and offering support and assistance to crime victims; and

**Whereas**, Community Supervision professionals are a bedrock of our justice system, and we appreciate their efforts, which help maintain law and order at the state and local levels, and contribute to making New York the safest large state in the nation;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 17-23, 2016 as

## PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fifteenth day  
of July in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

*Wesley J. Mahon*  
Secretary to the Governor