

# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, community corrections continues to be recognized throughout New York State as an integral part of our criminal and juvenile justice system, with the annual supervision of over 135,000 probationers and over 40,000 parolees, as well as the supervision and servicing of thousands of individuals through pre-trial services, community services, defender-based advocacy, and other specialized community-based correctional alternative programs; and

**Whereas**, community corrections professionals are viewed as forces for positive change in their communities, assisting young and adult offenders and at-risk youth in leading law-abiding lives and becoming productive members of society; and

**Whereas**, 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 of individuals and consider suitable alternative measures or sanctions that incorporate community-based programs and services; and

**Whereas**, probation and parole officers are peace officers and essential members of the law enforcement community, who risk their lives monitoring those under their supervision, enforcing terms and conditions of release, executing warrants, and collaborating with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to carry out field intelligence work and partnering with joint initiatives to investigate and combat crime; and

**Whereas**, probation and parole officers together represent an important component of law enforcement that helps improve public safety and prevent and solve crimes by promoting offender accountability of those under their supervision through DNA collection, securing compliance with the Sex Offender Registration Act, careful monitoring of alcohol, substance abuse, and driving restrictions and other specialized conditions, and enforcing orders of protection; and

**Whereas**, community corrections professionals are at the forefront of facilitating successful re-entry and reintegration of individuals into their respective communities, strengthening their ties and responsibilities with respect to their families and children and achieving greater offender accountability; and

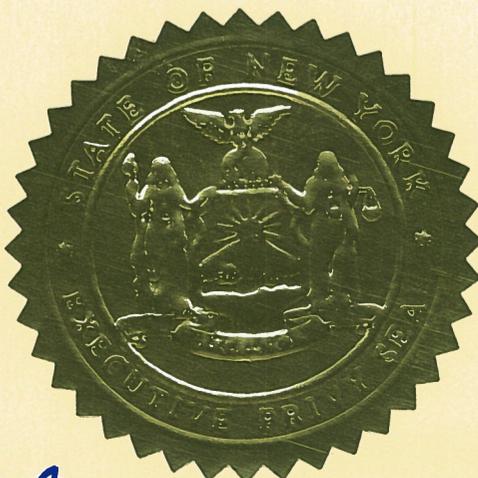
**Whereas**, community corrections professionals also provide support and protection to victims, help ensure that their voices and views are heard within our justice system, and ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed through the timely collection and disbursement of restitution and ongoing monitoring and enforcement of conditions of release; and

**Whereas**, community corrections professionals are champions of community justice who make a significant difference in the lives of at-risk youth and young and adult offenders through supervision, guidance, and role modeling to achieve positive change, and it is fitting that all New Yorkers recognize their efforts that help make 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 15-21, 2012 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 Capitol in the City of Albany this tenth day  
of July in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor