



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, Community Supervision is an essential component of our state and local criminal justice systems; serving a key role are the Probation Officers and Parole Officers who have supervisory responsibility and, as members of law enforcement, uphold all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances while safeguarding the constitutional rights of the greater public, as well as the offenders under their supervision; and

**Whereas**, Community Supervision offers eligible offenders a second chance and is a means for thousands of young and adult offenders 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 utilize evidenced-based practices to 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, parole, and the courts to enhance community safety in all counties of New York State; they provide pretrial services which include: collecting information on arrested individuals, screening and assessing 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, schedule and set standards for supervision, schedule or supervise rehabilitation program attendance and progress, and report on the progress and behavior of offenders; and

**Whereas**, Community Supervision professionals work with offenders to hold them accountable, reduce re-arrest rates, and help them change their thinking and behavior, so they can lead law-abiding and productive lives; they work in partnership with other federal, state and local law enforcement authorities, as well as community agencies, religious-based institutions, and other organizations, to help those offenders within their care achieve successful reentry and reintegration into society; and

**Whereas**, Parole Officers, Probation Officers, and Community Supervision professionals promote victim and community safety by providing services, support, and protection for victims of crimes while also utilizing evidence-based practices to prevent future victimization of individuals; and

**Whereas** Community Supervision professionals are part of the bedrock of our justice system and have been instrumental in upholding the interests of justice, maintaining law and order, and achieving cost savings at the state and local levels, and have contributed immeasurably toward making New York State the safest large state in the nation;

**Now, Therefore** I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 13-19, 2014 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 tenth day  
of July in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor