



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, community supervision is an integral component of our state and local criminal justice and juvenile justice systems and its various professionals assist courts, public officers and others in decision-making, including identifying and avoiding unnecessary incarceration and helping to ensure appropriate placement of young and adult offenders and at-risk youth; and

Whereas, probation and parole officers are law enforcement officers with supervisory responsibility who risk their lives to help keep our communities safe and promote offender accountability by monitoring and enforcing conditions of release, including DNA collection, sex offender registration, ignition interlock, restitution, and orders of protection; and

Whereas, probation and parole authorities collaboratively partner with other law enforcement agencies in investigating and solving crimes, and on field intelligence, homeland security, and other crime prevention initiatives; and

Whereas, community supervision professionals work diligently in identifying community-based programming, improving service delivery, advocating for graduated sanctions, successfully reintegrating offenders back into society through state and/or local re-entry strategies, facilitating reunification with and support of families and offering support and assistance to crime victims; and

Whereas, through early intervention, advocacy, timely enforcement and admonition and advice these professionals are important role models and a true force of positive change within their communities and make a significant difference in the lives of countless individuals; and

Whereas, community supervision offers eligible individuals a second chance and annually contributes to the ability of thousands of young and adult offenders and at-risk youth to face their unlawful conduct, obtain treatment and counseling, secure and retain employment, adhere to their financial obligations, and become law-abiding citizens; 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 17-23, 2011 as

PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day
of July in the year two thousand eleven.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor