

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING JULY 21 – 27, 2024 AS PROBATION SERVICES WEEK IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Probation is an alternative to incarceration, and the Mendocino County Probation Department delivers pretrial release monitoring, supervision and rehabilitation services to justice involved individuals being diverted from incarceration and reentering the community after incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Probation professionals play a unique and essential role in our justice system and communities as trained experts prepared to manage trauma and other needs of justice-involved individuals and safely connect them to the resources they need; and



WHEREAS, Probation professionals are diverse, educated and focused on providing collaborative safety for our communities; and

WHEREAS, Probation is a connector in the justice system, bridging the gap and maximizing the resources available within the courts, local governments, law enforcement, social services, behavioral health, schools, crime survivor organizations, non-profits, and the community to reduce recidivism by carefully balancing direct human services and research-based programming and interventions. Probation staff protect the public safety via proactive interventions – they are trained professionals who provide supervision and treatment resources to protect and help people, families, and communities address the problems that drive crime ; and

WHEREAS, Probation staff respect victims' rights and work to provide services and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, Probation professionals are responsible for conducting investigations and completing disposition reports, receiving and completing initial reviews of all juvenile crimes for appropriate disposition recommendation, performing pretrial risk assessments, utilizing youth diversion alternatives when possible, and providing for the care of detained youth in the juvenile institution; and

WHEREAS, Probation professionals are firm, consistent and focused on rehabilitation as they hold adult offenders and delinquent youth responsible for their actions, provide opportunity for positive behavioral changes, and enforce accountability with suitable incentives and sanctions; and



WHEREAS, Probation focuses on supporting and advocating for policies that help justice-involved individuals transition back to our communities safely and ensure these policies will effectively address the diverse needs of Mendocino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims July 21 - 27, 2024, as:

“Probation Services Week”

Dated: July 23, 2024

Maureen Mulheren, Chair

