



PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING JULY 19 – 25, 2026 AS PROBATION SERVICES

WEEK IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Probation Services Week is observed annually to recognize and celebrate the important work performed by probation professionals throughout the nation; and

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 with instruction in areas such as trauma-informed care, cognitive behavioral therapy, and emotional intelligence, ensuring they are well-equipped to address the complex needs of justice-involved individuals; 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 diverse, 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 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, the Mendocino County Probation Department provides cost-effective, community-based alternatives to incarceration by offering evidence-based programming and connecting individuals to essential services such as mental health care, substance use treatment, and housing support; and



WHEREAS, Probation focuses on supporting and advocating for policies that help justice-involved individuals transition back to our communities safely with a balance between opportunity and accountability 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 19 -25, 2026, as:

“Probation Services Week”

Dated: July 21, 2026

Bernie Norvell, Chair

