

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



Whereas~ the Fresno County Probation Department has made a significant contribution to the citizens of Fresno County for the last 114 years. Probation professionals play a unique and essential role in our justice system and communities and are focused on helping justice-involved individuals transition out of the criminal justice system permanently through transformative and evidence-based rehabilitation; and

Whereas~ as a member of the criminal justice system, the Fresno County Probation Department's mission is to provide protection for the community, support victim advocacy, and deliver essential services to the courts. This mission is accomplished through collaboration and partnerships which encompass a continuum of sanctions and incentives including prevention/intervention programming, investigation, supervision, and incarceration; and

Whereas~ on any given day, the Fresno County Probation Department supervises approximately 13,800 adult and juvenile offenders. Annually, the department completes in excess of 29,000 reports, screenings, and assessments; this includes adult pre-sentencing and juvenile dispositional reports, pretrial assessments, warrant and probation modification reports to the Fresno County Superior Court; and

Whereas~ Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week is a time to recognize and honor the dedication and professionalism exhibited by Probation Department staff who strive to make our neighborhoods a safer place to live and raise families; and

Whereas~ Probation Officers and Juvenile Correctional Officers are diverse, trained experts prepared to manage trauma and other needs of justice-involved individuals; and who safely supervise young people in custodial care, and connect them to the resources they need; and

Whereas~ Victim Witness Advocates perform crucial duties that support victims of crime by ensuring their rights are protected while navigating the challenging criminal justice system; providing referrals to community resources, and educating victims about their rights in order to restore families impacted by violent crime; and

Whereas~ Probation connects services to enhance community safety and the restoration of justice-involved individuals. 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, victim advocacy groups, non-profits, and the community to reduce recidivism; and

Whereas~ Probation's efforts to balance the need for accountability with individualized rehabilitative treatment and services provide justice-involved individuals the support and opportunities needed to move onto a healthier and safer life pathway; and

Whereas~ Probation staff have a profound impact on the health and safety of Fresno County by working to reduce recidivism through evidence-based programming and supervision. Probation's success helps ensure our community is safer to live and prosper.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims July 21 through July 27, 2024, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in the County of Fresno, to highlight Probation's immense contributions to our communities and state. This year's theme – **"Wellness Unveiled: Navigating the Journey"**– emphasizes the need to promote physical and mental health wellbeing. This serves as a reminder that, to give our best care to the community, we must not forget to care for ourselves.

ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THIS 9th DAY OF JULY 2024

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