



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Esa Ehmen-Krause, County Probation Officer

**Report Title:** ADOPT Resolution No. xxxx-xxx proclaiming July 21-27, 2024, National Probation Services week in Contra Costa County.

Recommendation of the County Administrator  Recommendation of Board Committee

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

ADOPT Resolution No. xxxx-xxx proclaiming July 21-27, 2024, as National Probation Services week in Contra Costa County, as recommended by the Chief Probation Officer.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Probation offers a safe, cost-effective and transformative alternative to incarceration, empowering individuals to make positive changes and embark on a journey toward a brighter future and safer communities.

Probation Departments have a profound impact on the safety and health of our communities by working to address the underlying causes of crime, by providing evidence-based supervision and individualized rehabilitative supports and services which reduce recidivism. Probation fosters a safer environment for all Californians to live and prosper, by ensuring those reentering our communities after justice involvement have received the support, services, and tools necessary to be successful.

### **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

## The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

### IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING THE WEEK OF JULY 21-27, 2024, AS NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICES WEEK IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**WHEREAS**, Probation utilizes an accountability lens as a connector and bridge for justice-involved individuals to receive the individualized rehabilitative services they need to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, Probation is an alternative to incarceration, and California Probation's mission is to deliver a seamless approach to providing effective supervision and rehabilitation services to justice-involved individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Probation professionals play a unique and essential role in our justice system and communities. Probation is focused on helping justice-involved individuals transition out of the system permanently through transformative and evidence-based rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, Probation officers are trained experts prepared to manage trauma and other needs of justice-involved individuals and safely supervise and connect them to the resources they need; and

**WHEREAS**, California Probation officers are diverse, educated and gender equitable professionals focused on providing collaborative safety for our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Probation connects services and needs to enhance community safety and the restoration of justice-involved individuals. Probation Departments are 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 deterrents and interventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Probation Departments in California focus on supporting and advocating for policies that help justice-involved individuals transition back to communities safely, and apply an equity lens to ensure these policies effectively address the diverse needs of those served; 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**, By delivering sustainable community safety services, Probation Departments have a profound impact on the health and safety of our communities by working to reduce recidivism through evidence-based programming and supervision. Probation's success helps ensure our communities are safer for all Californians to live and prosper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of July 21-27, 2024, as National Probation Services Week on the recommendation of the Chief Probation Officer, Esa Ehmen-Krause, to highlight Probation's immense contributions to our communities and state.