

PROCLAMATION

Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week

July 17 – 23, 2016

July 13, 2016

WHEREAS, July 17-23, 2016 is a time for the nation and Lancaster County to recognize the men and women who work each and every day to supervise offenders in our communities, but also who provide support mechanisms to assist the people they supervise to get housing, jobs and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, Community corrections is a world-wide phenomenon that is supported by services working to keep citizens safe. Many officers are making a difference by collaborating with community leaders and volunteering their own time off work while faced with expanding caseloads and additional responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, During the week of July 17-23, 2016, people across the United States and Canada will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for our public safety. This year, we highlight the efforts of many communities involved in Justice Reinvestment. Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, examine corrections and related criminal justice spending, manage and allocate criminal justice populations in a more cost-effective manner and reinvest savings in strategies that can hold offenders accountable, decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Today in America, there are over 5 million adults on community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by pretrial, probation and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the offender attends counseling sessions and helping offenders to find suitable housing and employment. Many officers also supervise offenders using electronic monitoring equipment which requires expert knowledge of new technologies; and

WHEREAS, Community corrections is an essential part of the justice system and deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That July 17-23, 2016 be proclaimed -----*Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week*----- in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with this year's theme "The Future of Justice Reinvestment: Recognizing Excellence in Community Supervision," in commemoration of the important work done by community correction professionals in keeping our communities safe. We encourage all citizens to honor these community corrections professionals who are in a unique position to make real differences in people's lives and to recognize their achievements.

Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman

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