



## Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing July 21 through July 27, 2019 as Probation and Community Supervision Week (Supervisor Thomson)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒  
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Chief Probation Officer recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt and present a resolution recognizing July 21 through July 27, 2019 as Probation and Community Supervision Week.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) has designated July 21 through July 27, 2019 as Probation and Community Supervision Week nationally. This week has been set aside to recognize and celebrate the dedicated and caring individuals whose genuine desire to protect and serve their community is apparent in their dedication, compassion, and hard work to make Solano County a safer place to live. These professionals are on duty each day to assist justice-involved adults and youth in becoming better citizens and leading productive lives. The Department recognizes the need to raise public awareness about the services and functions of probation agencies in the community and therefore wishes to participate in the upcoming Probation and Community Supervision Week. The theme for this year is "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope."

Today in America, there are over 5 million adults under community supervision and most are monitored by probation and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, counseling sessions, and helping clients to find suitable housing and employment. Many officers also supervise clients using electronic monitoring equipment which requires knowledge of newer technologies.

Currently, Solano County employs 88 probation officers to supervise 2,883 adults and 241 youth, and 51 group counselors to supervise up to 50 youth detained at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) and the Challenge Academy. Probation continues to impact Solano County by linking the justice system's many diverse stakeholders, including law enforcement, the courts, prosecutors, defense attorneys, community-based organizations, mental health/drug treatment service providers, the community, the victim, and the client.

The Department's general responsibilities are defined in the following categories:

- Intake and investigation - Conduct pre-trial, pre-sentence, and intake services.
- Supervision - Supervise adults and juveniles in the community, including courtesy supervision for clients who live in Solano County but committed an offense in another county or state. Adult services are outlined in California Penal Code Section 1203, and Juvenile services are outlined in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 202.
- Collections - Collection of money from clients for restitution, fines and fees, and its distribution to the appropriate parties (e.g., victims, courts, etc.).
- Custody - Detention of youth in the JDF, electronic monitoring and home supervision.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week (e.g., printing of brochures and posters) are nominal and will be absorbed in the Department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Supervisors could choose:

1. Not to adopt the resolution; however, this alternative is not recommended because it bestow recognition upon Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision professionals during this special week; and/or
2. To proclaim another week as Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week; however, this alternative is not recommended because the week of July 21 through 27, 2019 has been nationally designated as Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION