STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey's parole and probation professionals, both sworn and civilian, protect our families and communities by helping adult and juvenile offenders learn to make decisions that will help them reenter society as law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, national studies show that parole and community-based programs for offenders protect the public by fighting recidivism; and

WHEREAS, these programs directly target factors leading to new crimes, specifically, the lack of employment opportunities, lack of education and job skills, addiction and mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, these crime-prevention programs avert rising costs related to property damage, victim injuries, incarceration and extensive legal processes, thereby generating large savings to our State and communities; and

WHEREAS, parole and probation professionals develop partnerships among government agencies and the private sector, advocating community and restorative justice and seeking solutions to prevent new crimes;

NOW, Therefore, I Chris Christie, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

July 18 - 24, 2010
as
Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officer's Week

in recognition of the dedication of parole and probation professionals to upholding the law and safeguarding the public from crime.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of June in the year two thousand ten, the two hundred thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Lt. GOVERNOR

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