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## **PROBATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK**

**JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

**TRENTON, NJ – July 9th, 2012** - The Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) will recognize and celebrate the work of probation and parole officers during Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week from July 15 through July 21.

PANJ represents 2,800 probation officers and supervisors who oversee 120,000 adults and 15,000 juveniles in New Jersey, making it the 10<sup>th</sup> largest adult probation system in the nation. PANJ has resolved more than 7 million cases through their various courts, proving that probation can indeed lead to rehabilitation.

Since 1841, the practice of probation and parole has played a vital role in our justice system. These professionals are a critical part of the public safety system. They are a force for positive change—yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Probation officers and staff are deeply involved in multiple judicial functions such as supervising convicted criminals including sex offenders and violent offenders, overseeing juvenile offenders, ensuring that child support orders are followed, providing family and pre-trial court services, and recommending remanding offenders to jail for violating probation, for violating community service, and for custody investigations.

PANJ President George Christie said, "Offenders are given a choice, but it is our probation officers that lead them in the right direction in becoming valuable members of our towns, communities and state. Our officers help probationers make the right decisions for themselves by providing choices and transforming them into upstanding citizens."

Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated and caring individuals in your community who work tirelessly to make your neighborhoods safer and more vibrant places to live and rear families. These professionals are on duty each and every day to assist juvenile and adult offenders in becoming better citizens with productive lives.

Officers respond to the needs of crime victims through victim advocacy services and community supervision. When offenders are in violation of their sentences, officers act immediately and such in-depth service ensures a brighter future for all.

Members of our community are encouraged to join together during Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live. For additional information about Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week, please contact George Christie, President of the Probation Association of New Jersey at 732-223-1799.

**About The Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ)**

PANJ represents an estimated 2,800 probation officers and supervisors statewide employed by the Judiciary through two collective bargaining units that include other professional personnel.

PANJ representatives attend APPA training institutes nationwide and PANJ is an affiliate member of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA).

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