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NEWS RELEASE: Board of Supervisors Recognize July 21-27, 2019 as Probation, Pretrial and Parole Supervision Officers' Week

Across the nation, the week of July 21st through the 27th, 2019 is *Probation Services Week* to highlight the work that probation, parole, and community supervision professionals do for our public safety.

At its meeting today, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors acknowledged the professionals who serve the County as Probation, Pretrial, and Parole Supervision Officers, recognizing their achievements in contributing to public safety, community engagement, and support for victims.

"The County's Probation professionals work to improve public safety while also helping offenders on their path to leading successful lives," said Board Chair, Supervisor John Gioia.

Chief Probation Officer Todd Billeci said, "I appreciate the support of the Board of Supervisors, which is crucial to the department's success. Our staff works in often difficult situations, and that commitment to having a significant, positive impact on the individuals and families we work with isn't always understood or recognized."

In Contra Costa County, the Probation Department continues to supervise adults placed on Probation and individuals being released from Prison on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). In the juvenile justice system, the Probation Department operates the Juvenile Hall located in Martinez and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Center located in Byron. The Department also supervises juveniles on probation, and provides a wide range of in home and support services with the goal of keeping at-risk children out of custody and on a better path for life.

Probation Department staff protects the community through proactive, problem-solving work practices, plus interventions aimed at changing criminal and/or delinquent behavior. These public service professionals are hard-working individuals who are concerned about making a difference in the communities they serve and live.

As Chief Billeci put it, "They are a force for positive change. They truly believe in providing individuals with opportunities to succeed."

Community members are encouraged to join together during Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Officers' Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place.

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