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Governor Wolf Proclaims 'Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week'

HARRISBURG – In recognition of the important contribution of probation officers and parole officers/agents in keeping the state's communities safer, Governor Tom Wolf has proclaimed July 17-23 as "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week" in Pennsylvania.

"Probation and parole officers are essential members of the law enforcement community – and their jobs are challenging and frequently dangerous," said PA Probation and Parole Board Chairman Leo L. Dunn. "They risk their lives monitoring those under supervision, and collaborate with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to investigate and combat crime and work to keep all Pennsylvanian's safe by ensuring that the newly released parolees make successful transitions to productive lives in our communities."

In proclaiming Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, Governor Wolf acknowledged how these dedicated professionals work with the community to give parolees a second chance to be productive members of society.

Pennsylvania has more than 41,500 state parolees under supervision and over 243,760 parolees who are on county probation and under the supervision of the courts.

"Please take a moment and show your appreciation to all the state and county employees who ensure that Pennsylvania is one of the best in the nation in making our communities a safer place to live," said Chairman Dunn.

For more information on state parole, visit the Board website at www.pbpp.pa.gov.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The text of the Governor's proclamation is below:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK
July 17-23, 2016

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole officers/agents uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity;

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole officers/agents are an essential part of the justice system and uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity, and protecting the victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole officers/agents work toward changing lives by working together with offenders to help them to succeed for a productive life; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole officers/agents work collaboratively with local law enforcement, treatment providers, social service agencies and a variety of other programs, groups and individuals involved with offenders; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole officers/agents promote prevention, intervention and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week" is a time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated individuals in the community who work tirelessly to make neighborhoods safer and work together to give offenders a second chance to be productive members of society.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the week of July 17-23, 2016, as PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK. I encourage all citizens to honor the probation, parole officers/agents and community corrections professionals to recognize their crucial roles in the criminal justice system.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twentieth day of June in the Year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred fortieth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor