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Probation Services Week Commemorates the Work of Probation Professionals

Sacramento County, CA, July 21, 2024 – On July 9, 2024, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution commemorating Probation Services Week. The resolution was presented to Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber by County Supervisor Rich Desmond.

Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber stated this year's annual Probation Service Week will take place from July 21 – July 27, 2024, to honor probation professionals who work to keep communities safe and support the rehabilitative process for the justice-involved individuals under their supervision and care.

Modern probation officers play a vital role as mentors, coaches, and agents of change, and their dedication and expertise enable them to help the safety of communities by guiding justice-involved individuals, giving them the opportunity and proper support for change. This year, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for the Probation Department to create a new Mental Health Unit. This unit is located at the Jail Diversion Treatment and Resource Center (JDTRC) in downtown Sacramento in close proximity to the Main Jail and Superior Court. Officers in this unit attend weekly multidisciplinary team meetings and provide supervision for cases identified by the court as being high-need and high-risk to public safety. Officers collaborate with external mental health services and professionals to ensure clients receive appropriate and effective mental health care. By providing the appropriate mental health interventions, the likelihood of individuals returning to custody may be reduced.

"Our highly skilled and diverse workforce is dedicated to supporting positive change among people who are justice-involved. We are uniquely able to balance accountability with services, treatment and support as part of our public safety mission," Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber stated.

The Sacramento County Probation Department encourages local community members to consider becoming a part of this transformative process by applying for a career in probation. For more opportunities to join the **Sacramento County Probation Department**, please visit **SacCountyJobs.net.**



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