



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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### **Probation Supervision Week**

Probation professionals play a unique and essential role in our justice system and our state, fostering a safer environment for all Californians by providing justice-involved individuals with the supports, services and tools necessary to transition out of the system permanently and onto a healthier and safer life path.

Probation is a multifaceted, integrated safety model that holds people accountable while providing transformative, evidence-based and court ordered rehabilitative programming to help justice-involved individuals successfully reenter our communities. This proven strategy connects individuals to workforce development, substance use treatment, mental health services, family engagement, educational opportunities and more.

The role of probation spans public safety and social services, with Probation Departments working to maximize the resources available within the courts, local governments, law enforcement, social services, behavioral health systems, schools, crime survivor organizations and non-profits.

California Probation officers undergo extensive and ongoing training, including trauma-informed care, cognitive behavioral therapy and therapeutic and strength-based care. This training ensures probation professionals are prepared to manage trauma and other needs of system-involved individuals.

Probation Departments have a profound impact on the safety and health of our communities. Their work to address the underlying causes of crime through evidence-based supervision and individualized rehabilitative supports and services reduces recidivism.

This week, I encourage all Californians to join me in recognizing probation's invaluable contributions to our communities, and the unwavering dedication of our highly skilled and trained Probation officers in empowering people to make positive, lasting change.

Sincerely,

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