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JULY 18-24 IS PROBATION SERVICES WEEK

Chief Probation Officer Fernando Giraldo is pleased to announce Probation Services Week is July 18 – July 24, honoring probation professionals who work to keep communities safe and support the rehabilitative process for the justice-involved individuals under their supervision and care.

This year's Probation Services Week Theme is "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope." Probation Departments are a connector in the justice system: interlacing and maximizing the resources available within the courts, local governments, law enforcement, social services, schools, non-profits and the community to reduce recidivism by carefully balancing direct human services and research-based interventions. Together, this approach provides the help and accountability needed to create hope and restore trust.

"Santa Cruz County Probation has long been a leader using data and innovation to promote public safety while allowing justice-involved individuals to return to lives that are productive for them, their families and the community. Effective rehabilitation breaks the cycle of crime and helps protect all residents through lower rates of recidivism and crime," Giraldo said. "I also want to recognize staff at Juvenile Hall, who provide excellent, round-the-clock care for our in-custody youth."

Probation is the alternative to incarceration, and probation officers are trained experts prepared to successfully manage trauma. Probation is a collaborator, connecting service and need to enhance safety and restoration to achieve sustainable safety for communities.

During Probation Service Week it is important to recognize probation officers and staff for their dedication to the people they work with and our community, regardless of the challenges they face.

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