



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

WHEREAS, pretrial services, probation, and parole agencies are essential parts of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation, and parole agencies actively collaborate with local, state, and federal stakeholders to promote crime prevention, intervention, and re-entry; and

WHEREAS, pretrial services, probation, and parole agencies employ highly-skilled professionals who safeguard the public from criminal activity by providing risk-informed supervision to defendants and offenders; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation, and parole agencies apply data-informed and evidence-based practices, which are proven to increase court appearance rates, reduce recidivism, and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation, and parole officers work tenaciously to facilitate positive change in defendants and offenders by supplying them with the necessary assistance and support they need to become productive citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize July 15-21, 2018, as **PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Kelley Merriman
Secretary of the Commonwealth