

Item 5



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date:

July 23, 2013

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Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety

Commissioners Court Sponsor:

Judge Sam Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY 21-27, 2013, AS "PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK".

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The week of July 21st through July 27th is Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in the United States of America and Canada. Since 2011, Criminal Justice Planning has proudly sponsored the event in Travis County. We ask the Travis County Commissioners' Court to join us in acknowledging the dedication and hard work of our community supervision and pre-trial service colleagues.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

It is during this time that the Travis County leadership and the community-at-large is asked to recognize and celebrate the dedicated and caring individuals who work tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer and more vibrant places to live and rear families. These professionals are on duty each and every day to assist juvenile and adult offenders in becoming better citizens with productive lives.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to David Salazar in the County Judge's office, David.salazar@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

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From: Cathy McClaugherty, Senior Planner, Criminal Justice Planning

Date: July 10, 2013

SUBJECT: APPROVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY 21-27, 2013,
AS PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK.

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) has proclaimed the week of July 21 through July 27, 2013, as "Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week". Now in its thirteenth year, this event acknowledges the efforts of adult and juvenile pretrial, probation, and parole officers to balance the needs of those individuals under their supervision with the safety of communities by monitoring offender behavior, all while seeing budgetary constraints and increasing caseloads. The hard work and dedication of our nation's community supervision officers addresses public safety through a balance of prevention, intervention and advocacy. Pretrial, probation and parole officers deliver accountable, humane, effective, and individualized services for offenders, while supporting, protecting, and restoring victims and the community.

Please see the attached proclamation declaring the week of July 21-27, 2013, as "Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week". We respectfully request that the Travis County Commissioner's Court approve this proclamation recognizing community supervision staff in Austin and Travis County during this important event.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals promote prevention, intervention and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals advocate community and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are a true Force for Positive Change in their communities, and;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Travis County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim July 21-27, 2013, as:

Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Week

And encourage all Travis County citizens to honor these community corrections professionals and to recognize their achievements and contributions to our community.