



*State of New York*  
*Executive Chamber*

*Proclamation*

*Whereas*, the Empire State is home to the finest, most distinguished ranks of law enforcement personnel, and it is their dedication, vigilance, and worthy efforts that ensure the well-being of and better quality of life for all New Yorkers; and

*Whereas*, integral to our criminal justice system, probation and parole officers are responsible for the effective supervision of adult and juvenile offenders and are compassionately concerned with their successful adjustment and return to society; and

*Whereas*, by balancing prevention, intervention, and advocacy, probation and parole officers guide offenders in a positive direction, restore their hope, and afford them the opportunity to become productive, responsible, law-abiding citizens; and

*Whereas*, probation and parole officers work in partnership with other law enforcement entities through criminal justice initiatives like Operation IMPACT, as well as community agencies and other groups in order to monitor compliance with release conditions and to connect an offender with the services and programs that best meet his or her particular needs; and

*Whereas*, with fairness and professional integrity, probation and parole officers uphold the laws of this State and Nation, and are commended for their valuable public service, their unwavering commitment to fostering restorative justice, and their faithful allegiance to protecting the safety and rights of all citizens;

*Now, Therefore*, I, George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the week of July 18 – 24, 2004, as

**PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS' WEEK**

In the Empire State.