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PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICERS' WEEK July 15-21, 2012

Lincoln – During the week of July 15-21, 2012, people across the United States and its territories join together to recognize the work that probation and parole professionals have been involved in since 1841.

During a special ceremony at the State Capitol last week, Governor Heinemann signed and Lt. Governor Sheehy delivered a proclamation that lauded the work of probation and parole staff in their responsibilities for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community while upholding the law with dignity and recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity. Probation officials organized the ceremony under the direction of State Probation Administrator Ellen Fabian Brokofsky. Parole Administrator Cathy Gibson-Beltz, director of Parole Administration, and Bob Houston, director of the Department of Corrections, attended the ceremony representing parole and corrections officials; Judy Beutler, Deputy Court Administrator, attended on behalf of court administrators and judges.

In proclaiming the week of July 15-21, 2012, as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officers' week in Nebraska, Lt. Governor Sheehy acknowledged the successful work of probation and parole officers in Nebraska highlighting the necessary partnerships with community agencies and groups to promote prevention, intervention and advocacy on behalf of probationers and parolees.

During the ceremony, Brokofsky acknowledged the amazing work of the probation and parole officers. Asking probation, parole and corrections staff in the East Chamber audience to stand for recognition by the group, she continued, "Speaking solely from a Nebraska Probation perspective, on any given day our probation officers supervise 18,000 adults and 3,000 juveniles. Our probation officers are forces for positive change. They not only enforce conditions of supervision placed on probationers by our courts, they also refer probationers to providers for appropriate treatment services. Probation officers work to motivate every adult and juvenile on probation to make choices that will help them lead successful, productive, law-abiding lives.

“Probation officers maintain high standards of professionalism while providing compassionate public service. They respect the dignity, cultural diversity and human rights of all persons. The challenges probation officers face are vast, yet they continue to meet these challenges with integrity and hopefulness to make a difference in the people’s lives, a difference in the safety of our communities, and a difference in Nebraska.”

Probation professionals make lasting changes in each local community through assisting both juvenile and adult offenders in becoming productive members of society. Nebraska Probation has begun to achieve this through individualized approaches focused on the specific needs and risk level of each offender. Through providing this unique intervention, Nebraska Probation has been able to impact community safety for the better.

Members of the community are encouraged to join together during this celebratory week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live.

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