

WHEREAS, pretrial services has become an essential part of the justice system, with trained professionals supervising adult offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, pretrial service officers uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, since 1979 Volusia County Pretrial Services has provided accurate, unbiased information to judges about arrestees; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County Pretrial Services monitors defendants released into the community while awaiting disposition of their cases, helping to lower county jail costs; and

WHEREAS, of the defendants supervised by Volusia County Pretrial Services, 97 percent of them made their court appearances; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County Pretrial Services has been accredited by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission since 2008 and maintains a high level of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, pretrial service officers are a true force for positive change in their communities; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim July 15 through 21, 2018, as:

PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

and encourage residents to honor these community corrections professionals.

Dated this 15th day of July, A.D. 2017