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TO: All Parole and Community Staff

FROM: Angel Quiros, Interim Commissioner

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SUBJ: Parole Supervision Week

Each year during the month of July, all across the country we take the time to honor law enforcement professionals who work in the field of community corrections. Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week is being officially observed this year from July 19-25.

Although they deserve our praise throughout the year – every year, I feel they are even more deserving of our gratitude in 2020.

As you know, the Department's incarcerated population has dropped by more than 2,700 in just over four months' time. What is sometimes forgotten about the impressive numbers of offenders released, is that many of these offenders are now under the supervision of the Agency's Parole and Community Service's dedicated professionals.

In fact, the Parole and Community Service's staff is now supervising nearly 5,000 offenders, an increase of more than 300 offenders being supervised in the community since March.

Additionally, as part of their efforts to have less individuals return to prison, Parole and Community Services has focused on reducing the number of technical violations with a dramatic reduction from more than 1,200 in 2012 to just over 100 so far in 2020.

Despite the increased workload, not to mention the multitude of challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the men and women of Parole and Community Services continue to insure the successful transition of offenders back into their communities.

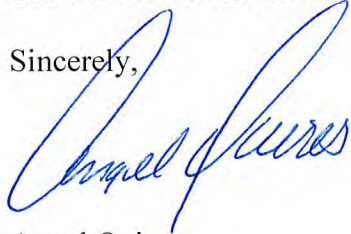
Working hand-in-hand with community providers to give offenders the support and services they need, there is no doubt that an offender's potential for successfully rejoining law abiding society is greatly enhanced through the efforts of these officers.

In short, recidivism is reduced and public safety enhanced, and for that we should all be thankful.

Please join me and the Executive Team along with Governor Lamont in recognizing the dedicated men and women of the agency's Parole and Community Services Unit for their devotion, bravery, and ongoing commitment to public safety.

If you know a Parole and Community Service's staff member, especially this week, make sure to thank them for the difficult and important work that they do.

Sincerely,



Angel Quiros
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