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SUBJECT: Probation Services Week Proclamation

The City of Bellevue has been operating its own Probation Services Division for over 40 years. Our probation services division maintains a focus on prevention, intervention, advocacy, and rehabilitation.

The City of Bellevue Probation Services Division is comprised of a dedicated team of professionals who have over 114 combined years of service. The team provides active supervision of offenders, compliance monitoring of sentencing requirements, electronic home detention, and a wide range of rehabilitative services and classes including Work Crew, Domestic Violence Moral Recognizance Therapy, Alive at 25 classes, Defensive Driving classes, a Consumer Awareness Program, and a Patronizing Impact Program.

In 2018, 85 percent of active probation cases and 80 percent of electronic home detention cases were closed in compliance. In addition, our electronic home detention services provided the city with direct jail cost savings of \$412,191 and our Work Crew program provided offenders with an opportunity to serve the community in lieu of fines, providing over 2,000 hours of service back to the Bellevue community.

Our Probation Services professionals contribute to the safety of everyone in our community by monitoring offenders, intervening in crisis situations, advocating for education and treatment, and referring offenders to appropriate resources that will increase their likelihood of success and reduce recidivism.

We invite the Bellevue City Council, staff, volunteers, and all members of the community to join us in thanking our Probation Services professionals for their tireless efforts to assist justice-involved individuals, and to join us in celebrating Probation Services Week.