

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the adoption of the following mission statement by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole ("Board"):

The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing sound decision making practices that include evidence-based approaches, employing effective methods to aid offenders in reentering society and to reduce recidivism, addressing the needs of crime victims, and improving county adult probation and parole services."

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned mission statement as outlined below is adopted by the Board.

REASONS FOR ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the Board is an independent administrative board in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that is responsible for the administration of the probation and parole laws of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board is composed of up to nine members, appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Senate, each of whom hold office for a term of six years;

WHEREAS, the Board operates from its principal office located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with district offices located throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that pursuant to Prisons and Parole Code, 61 Pa. C.S. § 6102, the parole system provides several benefits to the criminal justice system, including the provision of adequate supervision of the offender while protecting the public, the opportunity for the offender to become a useful member of society, and the diversion of appropriate offenders from prison; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that pursuant to Prisons and Parole Code, 61 Pa. C.S. § 6102, that in providing these benefits to the criminal justice system, the Board shall first and foremost seek to protect the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that pursuant to Prisons and Parole Code, 61 Pa. C.S. § 6102, in addition to the aforementioned goals, the Board shall address input by crime victims, assist in the fair administration of justice by ensuring the custody, control and treatment of paroled offenders, shall consider any applicable guidelines established by the Sentencing Commission, and shall ensure that parole proceedings, release, and recommitment are administered in an efficient and timely manner;

