Resolution No. 2019-01 Adopted: April 17, 2019

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the adoption of a mission statement.

RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole adopts the following as its mission statement:

The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole promotes public safety by using evidence-based practices to make equitable parole decisions that allow for respect and protection of crime victims, rehabilitation and positive change, and prevention of future crimes. The Board strives to create a just, efficient and transparent parole process that is respectful of all persons, and operates with integrity and without bias.

REASONS FOR ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the Board is an independent administrative board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is responsible for the administration of the probation and parole laws of this Commonwealth, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6111(a);

WHEREAS, 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, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6102(1);

WHEREAS, in providing these benefits to the criminal justice system, the Board, first and foremost, seeks to protect the safety of the public; 61 Pa.C.S. § 6102(2);

WHEREAS, the Board addresses input by crime victims, assists in the fair administration of justice by ensuring the custody, control and treatment of paroled offenders, considers any applicable guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, and ensures that parole proceedings, release and recommitment are administered in an efficient and timely manner. 61 Pa.C.S. § 6102(3).

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt a mission statement that reflects its statutory duties and role in the criminal justice system.

NOW THEREFORE, effective April 17, 2019, the Board adopts the foregoing as its mission statement and rescinds all prior mission statements.

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