

Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

Global Youth Justice Month October 2023

WHEREAS, throughout October, more than 2,000 youth court programs operating in our nation's juvenile justice systems, schools, and community-based organizations will celebrate Global Youth Justice Month. Peer courts are youth-led and volunteer-driven diversion programs, and the Shasta County Youth Peer Court has been in operation for nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, youth courts are effective crime prevention and early intervention programs in the nation, offering innovative solutions to prevent juvenile crime and educate our young people; and

WHEREAS, youth courts emphasize the importance of being involved in one's community, and they provide our nation's youth with an opportunity to learn about government and take an active role in upholding our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, youth courts empower youth through involvement in community solutions by developing skills in leadership, decision-making, and problem-solving; youth learn the appropriate use of peer pressure, and they are given opportunities to mentor and instill integrity in their peers; and youth gain a clearer understanding of our nation's judicial system; and

WHEREAS, youth court volunteers play a crucial role in making the goal of reducing juvenile crime in this country a reality, and they teach our youth about accountability and the consequences of making poor choices; they also reward responsible behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors strongly supports youth court programs because they help build healthier and safer communities in which we live, raise families, and work, and the Board commends the youth and adult volunteers who support the Shasta County Youth Peer Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2023 as **Global Youth Justice Month** in Shasta County and is to be celebrated in conjunction with Shasta Youth Peer Court.

Patrick Jones, Chair

October 3, 2023

Date