

NATIONAL DEFLECTION WEEK
July 14-20, 2024



Making a Difference Through Deflection
#NationalDeflectionWeek2024

PTACC National Deflection Week 2024
Proclamation Template

- WHEREAS, The Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC) is the national and global voice of the field of deflection; and
- WHEREAS, The PTACC National Leadership Council voted to designate the 3rd week of July as National Deflection Week (NDW), to be held annually in any nation; and
- WHEREAS, There are now approximately 1,600 deflection sites in the United States, including [your jurisdiction] through the [name of your deflection site] initiative; and,
- WHEREAS, Deflection is an important element in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) *2024 National Drug Control Strategy* to combat the nation’s opioid and fentanyl epidemic; and,
- WHEREAS, Deflection is an early, upstream approach that does not wait for nor need an arrest, overdose, crisis, or situation before taking action for people, families, and youth facing the challenge of drug use, misuse, and addiction, mental health, and its related consequences; and,
- WHEREAS, Deflection continues to grow rapidly as a community-led, public safety and public health strategy that offers to police and communities alike a third option instead of arrest or inaction when it is clear that a person needs help and support; and,
- WHEREAS, Deflection creates 6 distinct pathways for people to be rapidly connected to treatment, housing, and services in order to achieve recovery; and
- WHEREAS, Deflection saves public dollars, reduces drug-related property crime, and reduces overdose deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [your jurisdiction and entity passing the resolution] hereby proclaim the week of July 14-20, 2024 as PTACC National Deflection Week 2024.

Chair

Member

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