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**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SUPERINTENDENT
NAMED AS RECIPIENT OF NORTH AMERICAN CORRECTIONS AWARD**

Otisville Correctional Facility Superintendent Kathy Gerbing selected to receive North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents 2017-18 “Warden of the Year” Award

Nominations are considered from state, federal, and private correctional agencies across the United States and Canada

OTISVILLE – Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Superintendent Kathy Gerbing has been named as the recipient of the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) “Warden of the Year” award. The award recognizes one Warden or Superintendent each year who has gone the extra mile to solve problems in their organization, has involved themselves in community or local organizations, and has mentored in the development of others. Gerbing is the first female Superintendent from New York State to win the award since it was introduced in 1979-80.

Acting Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Anthony Annucci said, “Over Superintendent Gerbing’s 47-year career, she has exemplified all the qualities the Department seeks in its leaders, and has not only fostered a positive working environment for her staff, but has also worked tirelessly to enhance programs and opportunities for inmates. There is no candidate more worthy of this recognition and it is my honor to congratulate her on this award.”

In her current role as Supervising Superintendent of the Sullivan HUB, Gerbing oversees three maximum security correctional facilities, three medium security correctional facilities and one reception center, with an inmate population of approximately 4,400 inmates and 2,600 staff members. Since she began her career with DOCCS in 1970 as an Institutional Teacher 1, Gerbing gained experience in program and administrative services in a variety of roles, leading to her appointment as Superintendent of Otisville Correctional Facility (Orange County) in 2012. She will be formally recognized at the NAAWS annual dinner to be held at the American Correctional Association summer conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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