



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the citizens of the Empire State recognize that the highest level of commitment among our State's Department of Correctional Services employees contributes to the steady vigilance, dedication and professionalism which remain core values of DOCS; and

Whereas, this important component of our State's law enforcement system is also recognized to be one of the most demanding and challenging lines of public service, as the work carried out by employees of DOCS is fundamental to maintaining order in the correctional system and safety in communities throughout our State; and

Whereas, the daily courage and commitment demonstrated at every level of the Department in the past year has resulted in the lowest number of incidents involving inmate violence toward staff in nearly a quarter-century; and

Whereas, the 21,000 uniformed personnel employed by the Department are charged with the safe and secure oversight of New York's more than 63,000 under custody population, enabling 10,000 citizen employees and volunteers to administer essential programs and services to the inmate population, and today we take the opportunity to thank these uniformed personnel for displaying the core values of DOCS both at their posts and in their communities; and

Whereas, this year, the Department will award four Medals of Merit to four distinguished employees while honoring the memory of 35 employees who gave their lives in the line of duty as a result of inmate actions – in light of the tremendous dangers faced by these brave individuals and others every day while serving the people of New York State, we are especially grateful to all law enforcement professionals who uphold the safety of our communities and achieve this goal through their cooperative work in all areas of the criminal justice system, and as the seventh annual ceremony takes place at the DOCS memorial on the grounds of the Albany Training Academy, it is fitting that the citizens of this state remember and commend all correctional employees for performing such perilous and challenging duties with the greatest vigilance and attentiveness to public safety;

Now, Therefore, I, George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 4-10, 2006 as

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fifteenth day of May in the year two thousand six.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor