



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision is a newly created agency, the result of a merger of the New York State Department of Corrections and the New York State Division of Parole, and its employees provide a vital service to our citizens by helping to keep communities safe and secure, and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision maintains oversight of approximately 94,000 individuals annually, including offenders incarcerated in correctional facilities and parolees under active community supervision across the State; and

Whereas, with its goal to ensure the appropriate care, custody, treatment, and supervision of the individual – whether in a facility or in the community – the new agency is responsible for the continuum of care from the moment an offender enters the correctional system until he or she successfully completes the required period of community supervision; and

Whereas, the Department's staff, working with the staff of the Office of Mental Health, provides extensive services for offenders who require mental health services, including the operation of the nation's first Residential Mental Health Unit at Marcy Correctional Facility; and

Whereas, Department employees work cooperatively, every day, with employees of the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, religious and community organizations, representatives of local governments and families to assist in the successful reintegration into society of offenders who are released from the Department's custody each year, employing an expanding array of re-entry initiatives that include specialized re-entry units in various parts of the State with the aim of enhancing incarcerated offenders' ability to return to their communities as law-abiding, productive citizens; and

Whereas, collectively, Department employees serve in more than 300 different job capacities, providing a variety of services on behalf of the people of New York State; and

Whereas, New Yorkers appreciate the professionalism and dedication of Department employees, who ensure that our correctional and community supervision system remains one of the safest in the United States; and

Whereas, this year, the Department will award four Medals of Merit to distinguished employees in light of their courageous efforts to save fellow citizens in peril, while also honoring the memory of the 35 Department employees who lost their lives in the line of duty since 1861, and as the 12th annual ceremony takes place at the Albany Training Academy, it is appropriate that New Yorkers remember and commend all DOCCS employees for performing such important and challenging tasks every day;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2011 as

CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION 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 sixth day
of June in the year two thousand eleven.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor