



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision employees provide an essential service by helping to keep our communities safe and secure; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision provides for the care, custody, and supervision of approximately 94,000 individuals housed in 60 correctional facilities or reporting to 38 field parole offices across New York State; and

**Whereas**, rehabilitation and successful re-entry are goals the Department emphasizes for each offender under custody by managing an array of programs that include alcohol and substance abuse treatment, anger replacement treatment, mental health services, vocational training, secondary and post-secondary educational programs, parenting skills training, and correctional industries opportunities; and

**Whereas**, post-release community supervision is an essential component in reducing recidivism among offenders and ensuring their successful reintegration into the community, and the challenges and responsibilities of this work are met by the many dedicated community supervision professionals in this state; and

**Whereas**, Department personnel and offender work crews contributed to the efforts in the 2011 post-Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee clean-up in areas damaged by both storms, particularly in the Catskills, Schoharie County, and the North Country; and

**Whereas**, Department employees serve in more than 300 different job capacities ranging from motor vehicle operators, plant utility engineers and vocational instructors, to secretaries, keyboard specialists and clerks, to stewards, offender rehabilitation coordinators, and food service workers, to nurses, doctors and dentists, to correction officers, parole officers, sergeants, lieutenants and captains, to superintendents and deputy superintendents, providing a diverse variety of services on behalf of the people of the State of New York; and

**Whereas**, this year, the Department will award one Medal of Honor and four Medals of Merit to distinguished employees for their courageous efforts, while also honoring the memory of the 41 Department employees who over the years have given their lives in the line of duty and, as the 13<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony takes place at the DOCCS memorial on the grounds of the Albany Training Academy, it is appropriate that we recognize and thank all DOCCS employees for carrying out such challenging duties every day;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 10-16, 2012 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 thirtieth day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor