



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

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

Whereas, DOCCS provides for the care, custody, and supervision of approximately 92,000 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, DOCCS employees serve in more than 300 different job capacities and fill a variety of positions requiring various degrees of expertise, specialized training, and education levels, and they provide a diverse set of services to the people of New York State; and

Whereas, this year DOCCS will award its annual *Medals of Merit* to four distinguished employees for their courageous actions, while also honoring the memory of the 42 Department employees who over the years have given their lives in the line of duty; as the 14th 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 correctional employees for facing the challenges and dangers of their daily duties;

Now, Therefore I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 9-15, 2013 as

CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION EMPLOYEE WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-eighth
day of May in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor