



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 90,000 individuals housed in 58 correctional facilities or reporting to 35 parole offices across New York State; and

Whereas, Corrections and Community Supervision are critical components of public safety and DOCCS employees work to achieve the Department's objective of providing incarcerated persons with treatment and support services that prepare them for release, so as to facilitate the successful completion of their sentence and their return home with less likelihood of reverting to criminal behavior; and

Whereas, nearly 25,000 inmates are discharged from DOCCS custody annually, and the Department works in partnership with other state agencies, local governments, community organizations, religious groups, social services, and inmate families to broaden and improve reentry services for the post-release offender population and to help ensure a seamless transition and re-entry to society; and

Whereas, DOCCS employees serve in more than 300 different job capacities, ranging from civilian to security and supervision staff who fill a variety of positions requiring diverse levels of expertise, training, and education in order to develop and implement positive treatment and re-entry plans for supervised offenders, while teaching them the need for discipline and respect, and maintaining ethical behavior and protecting human dignity for all; and

Whereas, this year DOCCS will award its annual *Medal of Honor* to a Correction Officer and *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 15th 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 8-14, 2014 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 second day
of June in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor