



STATE OF NEW YORK
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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to send greetings and offer my deepest gratitude as you gather for the 15th Annual Memorial Service and Medals Ceremony of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS).

Today's ceremony continues an important tradition in New York State law enforcement by providing an opportunity to recognize courageous individuals in the Department, and to salute all of the dedicated men and women at DOCCS who safeguard the people and communities of our state each day. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend appreciation to the families of those who died in the line of duty. We will always honor their memory and their distinguished service.

I proudly join in congratulating this year's *Medal of Honor* recipient Correction Officer Nicholas Dimase, and *Medal of Merit* recipients – Maintenance Assistant William F. Wiese, Keyboard Specialist 2 Debra Lucchese, and Correction Officers Erwin Emminger and Bradley Walters – for a job well done. Their actions exemplify the dedication and resolve of New York's entire law enforcement community.

This year's honorees reflect the integrity and character of nearly 29,000 employees at DOCCS, recognized nationally as a leader in corrections and community supervision. I thank everyone at the Department for maintaining high standards of public service to New York State.

With my warmest regards and best wishes to all of you and your families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO