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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send my greetings and heartfelt appreciation as you come together for the 17th Annual Memorial Service and Medals Ceremony of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS).

Today's ceremony is an important tradition that recognizes the hard work of all DOCCS employees and a solemn reminder of how difficult and dangerous your job can be. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend a sincere expression of sympathy and salute the families of those who have died in the line of duty. They represent among the most dedicated and brave individuals to work within the Department and our state's public safety community, and we will always remember their tremendous sacrifices.

I proudly join in congratulating this year's *Medal of Honor* recipients – Correction Officers Kenneth McFadden and Gregory Edgar. I also would like to congratulate *Medal of Merit* honorees – Correction Officers Leonard Platt, Trevor MacIntyre, Jeffrey Lewis, Gary Roneker, Ryan Day, and Craig Walsh, along with Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Billy Kirby and Sergeant Joseph Merville. These individuals truly exemplify the professionalism and courage demonstrated daily by our statewide law enforcement community.

This year's honorees reflect the commitment and character of nearly 29,000 DOCCS employees across New York State, and I would like to thank all for maintaining such high standards of public service. Congratulations to each of the honored employees and their families on receiving this well-deserved distinction.

Warmest regards and best wishes for a memorable ceremony.

Sincerely,



ANDREW M. CUOMO

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