



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) is a vital component of public safety and law enforcement that oversees the safe confinement of more than 52,000 inmates in correctional facilities across the state and supervision of nearly 35,000 parolees in the state; and

Whereas, the agency's nearly 29,000 employees work together to fulfill the Department's objective of providing essential care and programs for inmates and parolees, with the goal of reducing recidivism; and

Whereas, DOCCS continues to supervise discharged offenders with the goal of a seamless transition back into the community and is assisted by other state entities, such as the Governor's Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration, as well as local governments, community organizations, religious groups, and inmate families; and

Whereas, DOCCS strives to lower the recidivism rate by helping to find gainful employment for formerly incarcerated individuals released from correctional facilities with the help of reentry programs, such as the Work for Success program, and through various resources available at the Department of Labor; and

Whereas, ten DOCCS facilities were recently audited and recognized by the American Correctional Association for meeting all the necessary industry standards to become reaccredited; and

Whereas, DOCCS employees work in more than 300 job capacities across the state, including both civilian and security ranks, all of which contribute to the daily success of achieving the agency's goals and expectations through stringent but fair means of programming, treatment, and services; and

Whereas, the 17th annual ceremony takes place at the DOCCS memorial on the grounds of the Albany Training Academy and, this year, DOCCS will award its annual *Medal of Honor* to two well deserving Correction Officers, and *Medals of Merit* to six Correction Officers, one Sergeant, and one civilian worker for their courageous actions that went above and beyond the daily call of duty; this occasion also serves to honor the memory of 42 Department employees who over the years have given their lives in the line of duty, and we join to remember them and gratefully recognize all 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 6 – 12, 2016 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 first day of
June in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Walter J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor