



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, 2012 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's (DOCCS) Shock Incarceration Program; and

**Whereas**, the Shock Incarceration Program, created to support successful offender re-entry, reduce recidivism, and lower the costs of incarceration to taxpayers, is a six-month program that incorporates a regimen similar to that of a military boot camp, combined with intensive substance abuse treatment and academic education within a therapeutic community setting; and

**Whereas**, the Shock program provides 675 hours of substance abuse treatment and education in each six-month session, with a GED passage rate of 80 percent among Shock program participants; and

**Whereas**, since its inception in 1987 and through the end of 2011, a total of 44,170 offenders have graduated from the Shock Incarceration Program, saving New York State taxpayers an estimated \$1.34 billion in incarceration costs; and

**Whereas**, as with many of the programs in the DOCCS system, the Shock Incarceration Program is a groundbreaking program that has contributed significantly to the state's lower incarceration levels, improved public safety within our communities, and reduced costs to our state; and

**Whereas**, seven percent of individuals who successfully completed graduation and were released from Shock program facilities between 2007 and 2010 returned to prison within one year, compared to a 20 percent recidivism rate among all releases from the DOCCS general population over the same time period; and

**Whereas**, as a result of its success over the past quarter century, New York State's Shock Incarceration Program has been studied and replicated by numerous correctional systems in the United States and abroad, demonstrating its effectiveness as a component of the criminal justice system;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2012 as

## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SHOCK INCARCERATION PROGRAM DAY

in the Empire State.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this tenth day  
of September in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor