

# State of North Carolina

# **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

# CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

#### 2017

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 12,000 North Carolina Correctional Officers are responsible for the daily supervision of more than 36,000 criminal offenders housed in North Carolina's state prison system; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers are responsible for ensuring the safety of the public, correctional staff, and offenders; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers must act as communicators and experts at crisis management, acting to resolve conflicts and to restrain persons representing a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers must develop and maintain these skills through rigorous basic and annual training; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers often must perform their work under adverse and hazardous conditions while continuing to meet high standards set by their profession and expectations of the public; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers often perform outstanding services outside the scope of their normal responsibilities for their communities in times of need and crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, joined by Secretary of Public Safety Erik A. Hooks, do hereby proclaim May 7 – 13, 2017, as "CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.