

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 10,500 North Carolina correctional officers and correctional employees are responsible for the daily supervision and custody of approximately 30,000 offenders housed in North Carolina's state prison system; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and correctional employees are responsible for ensuring the safety of prison staff, incarcerated offenders, and the public; and

WHEREAS, although correctional jobs are difficult and stressful, those who work in the profession perform their duties with dedication and pride; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and correctional employees have answered the call to protect the health and safety of North Carolinians inside and outside of our prison system; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of correctional officers and other correctional employees are critical to preparing offenders for successful reentry to their communities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers develop and maintain their skills through rigorous basic and annual training to ensure they are prepared to act as case managers, resolve conflicts, and react in a professional manner to address dangerous situations; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and correctional employees perform outstanding volunteer services outside their workplace, supporting and giving back to their communities in times of need and crisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize the dedication of its correctional officers and correctional employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7 – 13, 2023, as "**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Roy Cooper

Governor

IN WIT LESS WHERE F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.