

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington Department of Corrections officers and employees contribute to public safety by exercising safe and effective control of approximately 19,000 incarcerated offenders and by managing approximately 17,000 offenders on post-incarceration supervision while actively encouraging and assisting them to become law abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees strive to fulfill the mission of “improving public safety” and the vision of “working together for safe communities;” and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees respect the rights and needs of victims by providing supportive services to over 11,000 individuals victimized by crime; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees perform their mission in an environment which poses a potential risk to personal safety and must possess self-confidence and effective interpersonal skills to accomplish their mission; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees manage the correctional system with integrity in the face of challenging situations and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of correctional officers and employees are matters deserving of sincere public appreciation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as

Correctional Officers and Employees Week

and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 2nd day of May, 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee