

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Corrections' officers and employees contribute to public safety by exercising safe and effective control of approximately 19,000 incarcerated individuals and by managing approximately 18,000 individuals on post-incarceration supervision while actively encouraging and assisting them to become law abiding; 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 that poses a potential risk to their personal safety and they 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 the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017 as

Correctional Officers and Employees Week

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

Signed this 19th day of April, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee

