A Proclamation

Correctional officers and employees are capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals. They serve admirably in correctional facilities all across the country as chaplains, teachers, counselors, supervisors, managers and directors. They help keep our citizens and communities safe. Correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, preach and care.

Though the job of correctional officers and employees is often very challenging and, at times, stressful, the thousands who work the correctional profession every day perform duties well and with great pride. They are brave, courageous and tenacious individuals who put their lives and health at risk every day to keep the public safe and provide a multitude of services to the nation’s offenders. They have a tremendous responsibility and are owed our nation’s gratitude.

Correctional officers are most deserving of our respect, our thanks and the highest praise. They are well-trained, always on watch and prepared to meet any challenge. The men and women working in corrections make a difference in our communities.

On behalf of the American Correctional Association and our thousands of members in the U.S. and internationally, we commend all those who currently serve in the correctional profession, those who have served and those who have given their lives in pursuit of this most honorable occupation.

A Resolution

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel and treat thousands of offenders; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, correctional officers and employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, and the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.