



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, corrections officers are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators and experts at crisis intervention as well as preserve the safety of lives and property, maintaining their professional demeanor while often facing hostile, aggressive and intimidating behavior from prison inmates; and

WHEREAS, these officers possess the intuitive sense to resolve conflicts and save lives while also possessing the physical ability to restrain persons representing a danger to themselves and others, which sometimes results in the loss of life; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's corrections officers are responsible for the critical oversight of more than 25,000 inmates and play an integral role in our State and Nation's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's corrections officers demonstrate a remarkable commitment to protecting the citizens of New Jersey from criminal activity and provide prisoners with the help they need to become productive members of their communities again; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey prisons, correctional camps and county facilities operate due to the hard work and sacrifices made each day by our corrections officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

JULY 30, 2012

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CORRECTIONS OFFICER DAY

in New Jersey and designate July 30th of each year as Corrections Officer Day in the State of New Jersey, and call upon all citizens of the State and all other public and private agencies and organizations to celebrate this day by appropriate observance, and direct the staff of all correctional facilities in the State to fly the United States and the State flag at half-staff in honor of all those corrections officers who have been killed in the line of duty.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of July in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

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