



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

WHEREAS, public safety is paramount, and residents and visitors of Florida benefit from safer communities through the dedication and unwavering commitment of correctional employees; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees exemplify the values of respect, integrity, courage, selfless service, and compassion, tirelessly working every day of the year to safely and securely meet the needs and improve the lives and futures of those entrusted to their care and supervision; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has shown unwavering support for our men and women in uniform, prioritizing incentives to recruit and reward high quality officer, especially corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, to promote the recruitment and retention of high-quality employees, Governor DeSantis announced that new Florida Department of Corrections officers are eligible for bonuses to build a high-quality workforce; and

WHEREAS, in his Freedom First budget proposal, Governor DeSantis called for state correctional officers starting salaries to increase, an unprecedented action to support public safety positions within the Florida Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees ensure public safety through the safe and secure operation of correctional facilities, providing care and rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals and the efficient and thorough supervision of offenders on community supervision; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees meet the challenges of their profession with duty, honor, and dedication despite the risks of a dangerous, difficult, and demanding work environment; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees in Florida are exceptional professionals who lead by example and proudly serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Florida Correctional Employees Week celebrates and honors the work of correctional employees and their continued service, sacrifice, and uncompromising ethical conduct; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing the week of Sunday, May 1, through Saturday, May 7, 2022, as *Florida Correctional Employees Week* and encourage all Floridians to acknowledge and appreciate the outstanding job correctional employees perform in daily service to public safety for the State of Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.


Governor