



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK

WHEREAS, the duties of our Commonwealth's correctional officers include supervising individuals who have been arrested, are awaiting trial or have been convicted of a crime and are sentenced to serve time in Virginia's jails, prisons or other penal institutions; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers work closely with inmates and detainees in Virginia's correctional facilities, and they are essential to the successful implementation of our Commonwealth's judicial and reformatory process; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are dedicated to ensuring public safety within the confines of Virginia's correctional facilities by establishing and maintaining security guidelines and supervising prisoner conduct to avoid conflicts and escapes; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are committed to protecting inmates while promoting good behavior, positive attitudes and skill development in their efforts to improve the offenders' likelihood of becoming productive members of society when they are released from custody; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers strive to maintain a safe working and living environment in our Commonwealth's correctional facilities, often in the face of challenges and dangers that threaten their own society; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and honor Virginia's correctional officers for the important tasks that they perform each day, for the many risks they take to provide for our security outside of Virginia's correctional facilities and for the sacrifices they make to protect the citizens of our great Commonwealth

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 3-9, 2009 as **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth