

# *PROCLAMATION*

## *NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK*

*May 1 - 7, 2016*

*WHEREAS*, Correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining secure correctional facilities and ensuring the public safety; and

*WHEREAS*, Correctional facilities across the United States, both civilian and military, public and private, are run by highly-qualified and experienced men and women with a deep understanding of the challenges and difficulties within the profession; and

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

*WHEREAS*, Correctional officers and employees work in very demanding and stressful conditions, face many challenges and put their lives at risk every day; and

*WHEREAS*, Correctional officers and employees are some of the most resourceful, capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals in criminal justice and in our nation; and

*WHEREAS*, Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, 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 preparing them for reentry and life outside of corrections; and

*WHEREAS*, Correctional officers and employees rise to meet most any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably.

WHEREAS, All corrections employees are committed to a common goal: the secure, safe and humane operation of our county's correctional facility where employees work to reduce future crime through the delivery of programs to change offenders' criminal behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that May 1-7, 2016 be proclaimed -----  
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in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in commemoration of the tremendous job done by correctional officers and employees and for their exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult circumstances. We encourage everyone to recognize the vital role these dedicated professionals play in ensuring the effective operation of our correctional system in the interest of public safety.

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*Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman*

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*Joshua G. Parsons, Vice Chairman*

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*Craig E. Lehman*

*Board of Commissioners of  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*