

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 5-11, 2024 AS NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

Whereas, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers Week". In 1996, the U.S. Senate officially changed the name of the week to "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week". The first full week in May is recognized as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide. National Correctional Officers and Employees Week has been declared as May 5-11, 2024; and

Whereas, Indian River County's staff of Correctional Officers, Nurses, Civilian Correction Assistants, and support staff serve in an increasingly complex and demanding profession and work in a correctional environment where they are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. They are responsible for the custody, safety, and well-being of the inmates within Indian River County; and

Whereas, in today's profession, Correctional Officers and correctional personnel are well trained, work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily lives; and

Whereas, the work of Correctional Officers and correctional personnel comes with a huge responsibility to maintain public safety as well as to help inmates develop the skills necessary to become productive members of society; and

Whereas, Correctional Officers and correctional personnel deserve our show of support, as we utilize this week to honor their hard work, professionalism, dedication and courage throughout the performance of their demanding and often conflicting roles, and efforts to protect public safety.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the week of May 5 through 11, 2024, is recognized as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" in Indian River County, and the Board encourages all citizens to applaud the many contributions and ongoing dedication of correctional officers and employees to our community and the United States.

Adopted this 7th day of May 2024.

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