



Proclamation

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, in 1984, Ronald Reagan issued Proclamation 5187 “National Correctional Officers’ Week,” and formally recognized the corrections profession, and the difficult and at times dangerous nature of corrections work; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel, and treat inmates, and provide inmates with direction, hope, and new focus while assisting with re-entry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, selfless concern, and the courage to endure whatever ordeal they face, are commonly held values among our corrections officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Correctional Complex originally opened in the city of Monroe in 1910 and is the second oldest operational prison in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Department of Corrections mission is “to improve public safety” through the vision of “working together for safe communities;” and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Correctional Complex employs 687 correctional officers and 484 non-custody staff for a total of 1,171 employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby encourage people in our community to join me in recognizing and sharing our appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service provided by corrections officers and employees, especially during the week of May 5, through May 11, 2019 for

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor