

Proclamation
*National Correctional Officers
and Employees Month*



WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week was first proclaimed on May 5, 1984, by President Ronald Reagan when he signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers' Week," to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community correction across the country; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week has been designated as the first week of May by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers are unseen and often unappreciated, dedicated professionals who chose a career as community servants who manage a diverse group of individuals, some of whom are violent, mentally ill, and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week raises the awareness of the duties, hazards, and sacrifices made by Correctional Employees; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the City of Monroe recognizes employees of the Monroe Correctional Complex for their role in providing safe, secure, and humane incarceration of offenders within their custody; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is appreciative of the employees of the Monroe Correction Complex, who have maintained a high level of service and commitment to public safety throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize the week of May 2-8, 2021 as

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and encourage our community to pay tribute to the Correctional Employees of the Monroe Correctional Complex for the vital public service they provide.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor