

Proclamation

**Recognizing May 7 – 13, 2023 as National
Correctional Officers and Employees Week**



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

WHEREAS, corrections officers and employees are unseen, and often unappreciated, dedicated professionals who chose a career of public service and who manage a diverse group of people, some of whom are violent, have mental or behavioral health issues, or are dangerous; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers and employees with the State of Washington's Monroe Correctional Complex maintain the safety and wellness of incarcerated persons under their care while also helping incarcerated persons learn new work skills and experiences to help them succeed when they are released.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize the week of May 7-13, 2023 as

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and encourage our community to learn more and express thanks for our correctional officers and employees at the State's Correctional Complex in Monroe.

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

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor