

## PROCLAMATION 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 Week," to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week became the official name the first week in May when, in 1986, the U.S. Senate officially changed the name from "National Correctional Officers Week"; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week has been designated as the week of May 02, 2021, through May 08, 2021, by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employee Week honors the work of Correctional Officers and Correctional Personnel for their service with honor, respect, and integrity; and raises the awareness of the duties, hazards, and sacrifices made by the Correctional employees; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees week in Brazos County recognizes Correctional officers and employees for their role in safeguarding the citizens of Brazos County by providing safe, secure, and humane incarceration of offenders within their custody;

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees week in Brazos County this year wants to recognize all Correctional officers and employees for their acts of heroism, dedication to duty and commitment to our community during the COVID19 outbreak of 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Brazos County, does hereby proclaim the week of May 02, 2021 through May 08, 2021, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week." All citizens are encouraged to pay tribute to all the many Correctional Employees working in Brazos County for the vital public service they provide.

PROCLAIMED this day of April

**Duane Peters, County Judge** 

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Commissioner Russ Ford Pct. 2

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Proclamation 5187—National Correctional Officers Week, 1984 May 5, 1984

By the President of the United States of America

## **A Proclamation**

Correctional officers have the difficult and often dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of the over 600,000 inmates in our Nation's prisons and jails. Their position is essential to the day-to-day operations of these institutions; without them it would be impossible to achieve the foremost institutional goals of security and control.

Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as "guards," occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional Officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections.

In recognition of the contributions of correctional officers to our Nation, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, has designated the week beginning May 6, 1984, as "National Correctional Officers Week," and authorized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan,* President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 6, 1984, as National Correctional Officers Week. I call upon officials of State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

*In Witness Whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

**RONALD REAGAN** 

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