Assembly Resolution No. 2199

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of the criminal justice system in the United States, and correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, There are over 16,178 corrections officers and employees in the State of New York who oversee the State's correctional facilities, along with over 6,109 correction officers and employees in the City of New York who oversee the City's correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, These officers gallantly report to work every day and are responsible for the care, custody, and maintenance of more than 31,329 inmates charged to their care in the State of New York, and more than 6,100 inmates charged to their care in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, In the course of their duties, corrections officers work under physically and mentally demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives, often protecting society from some of the worst offenders and criminals; and

WHEREAS, Corrections officers truly exemplify bravery and an unwavering commitment to their community and State, and deserve the utmost respect and appreciation from the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, former President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187, which designated the first full week in May as "National Correctional Officers Week" in honor of corrections officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect the public from dangerous criminals and to help prisoners work toward becoming productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the indispensable contributions that corrections officers make every day to protect our citizens from harm, and honor all corrections officers and employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to any and all groups throughout New York that represent and support Corrections Officers.