

Assembly Resolution No. 434

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 4-10, 2025, 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 5,000 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 incarcerated individuals charged to their care in the State of New York, and more than 7,200 incarcerated individuals 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 incarcerated individuals 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 4-10, 2025, 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.