



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK  
May 6-12, 2018**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's correctional system is the oldest in the nation, evolving from the establishment of Philadelphia's Walnut Street Jail in 1773 and the Eastern Penitentiary in 1829; and*

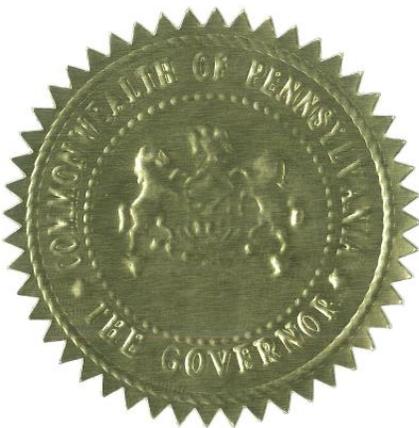
*WHEREAS, the "Pennsylvania System," as it became known, was the leading influence in the development of penology throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the forerunner of modern corrections; and*

*WHEREAS, today, Pennsylvania faces continued difficult challenges in corrections. With 24 state correctional institutions, one motivational boot camp, a training academy, 11 community corrections centers and 32 contract facilities, 63 county prisons and jails and 15 federal facilities and offices, our correctional facilities house approximately 95,000 inmates; and*

*WHEREAS, the secure and safe operation and management of those facilities rests in the hands of nearly 31,000 trained, skilled and dedicated corrections professionals. They are corrections administrators, corrections officers, counselors, treatment specialists, educators, clerical support staff, business administrators and purchasing agents, personnel and labor relations specialists, reentry specialists, social workers, clergy, medical professionals, food service specialists, computer technicians, planners and research analysts and skilled craftspeople upon whose skills, efficiency and professionalism the functions of the Pennsylvania correctional system depends;*

*WHEREAS, although each of these dedicated professionals work in a different field and specialize in a specific area, all are committed to a common goal: the secure, safe and humane operation of our Commonwealth's correctional facilities where employees work to reduce future crime through the delivery of programs to change an individual's criminal behavior.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim, May 6-12, 2018, as CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK in Pennsylvania. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the vital role these dedicated professionals play in ensuring the effective operation of our correctional system in the interest of public safety.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty seventh day of March two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor