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Special Recognition of May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022 as National Correctional Officers Week.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, introduced and approved by the 98th United States Congress, as Senate Joint Resolution 132 to honor correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide, May 1 through May 7, 2021 is designated as National Correctional Officers Week; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are responsible for the supervision of individuals arrested, convicted, and/or sentenced for criminal offenses. The supervision of such individuals takes place in the Lake County Adult Correctional Facility, including the Community-Based Correctional Center offering Periodic Imprisonment and Electronic Home Monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Adult Correctional Facility protects the public by housing individuals who have committed criminal offenses and keeping them separate from the community; and

WHEREAS, preparing individuals for reintegration into the community is critical in protecting the public's safety. The Lake County Adult Correctional Facility partners with outside agencies such as the Lake County Health Department, and non-profit, educational and faith-based organizations to provide inmate programming and mentoring services to ensure a successful re-entry into the community; and

WHEREAS, a career in corrections is challenging. Corrections personnel must maintain a constant state of heightened vigilance, adhere to strict security protocols, and perform their duties with the threat of exposure to violent events; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and courage of our corrections personnel were especially highlighted during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as specific protocols and mitigation strategies were implemented to protect the health and safety of those in custody as well as corrections personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED, by this County Board of Lake County, that Lake County correctional officers and correctional personnel be honored during National Correctional Officers Week of May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that this Lake County Board does hereby thank the 189 dedicated professionals in the Lake County Sheriff's Adult Correctional Facility and Community-Based Correctional Center for their professionalism, dedication and courage.

DATED, at Waukegan, Illinois, on April 12, 2022.

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