BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

WHEREAS: Georgia's 5,775 correctional officers demonstrate extraordinary commitment to performing their duties in state, county, and private institutions as well as boot camps, transitional centers, and detention centers, and substance abuse treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS: Correctional officers oversee the inmate population, enforce rules, regulations, and policies. Thereby, ensuring the safety of state prisons, inmates, staff, and the general public; and

WHEREAS: The work of Georgia's correctional officers is an integral part of the daily operations of the Georgia Department of Corrections and the entire criminal justice system. They maintain positive control and ensure that offenders have opportunities for positive change; and

WHEREAS: Correctional officers help make Georgia's prison system a national leader in penal institutions; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia are deeply grateful for the dedicated service of these men and women; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016, as CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris M. Riley

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