

## 2023-J1605

Senate Resolution No. 1605

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

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  
and are responsible for the care, custody, and maintenance of more than  
31,329 inmates charged to their care; and

WHEREAS, To carry out their responsibilities, corrections officers  
work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work  
lives, which sometimes results in the loss of life; 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, In 1996, Congress expanded and renamed this special week "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" in recognition of all those employed with city, state and federal correctional departments; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the federal government's recognition of the indispensable contributions that corrections officers make every day to protect our citizens from harm, it is proper and befitting for the State of New York to 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 The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.