



SPONSOR: Rep. Briggs King & Rep. Chukwuocha on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

HONORING MAY 7-13, 2023 AS “DELAWARE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK”.

1 WHEREAS, on May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first full week of May as National
2 Correctional Officers Week, in recognition of the vital public service provided by correctional officers across the country;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the operation of correctional facilities represents a critical component of the criminal justice system
5 in Delaware and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for maintaining safety, order, and human dignity
7 within our correctional facilities, often under challenging and demanding conditions, requiring professionalism, dedication,
8 and courage; and

9 WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees work to protect the right of the public to be safeguarded from
10 criminal activity, and are responsible for the care, custody, and dignity of the inmates charged to their care; and

11 WHEREAS, the officers and employees of the Delaware Department of Correction exemplify these qualities,
12 carrying out their duties with unwavering commitment and distinction; and

13 WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees often face danger and violence in their daily work lives, yet their
14 role is essential to the functioning of our society and deserves recognition and appreciation; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1996, Congress expanded and renamed this special week "National Correctional Officers and
16 Employees Week" in recognition of all those employed with city, state, and federal correctional departments; and

17 WHEREAS, the American Correctional Association calls upon all Americans to honor these professionals for their
18 service to their communities, States, and to the Nation; and

19 WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special week in the State of Delaware to honor these dedicated public
20 servants for their commitment, sacrifices, and contributions.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware that
23 May 7-13, 2023 is hereby recognized as “Delaware Correctional Officers and Employees Week” to honor and celebrate
24 their service and commitment.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes May 7-13, 2023 as “Delaware Correctional Officers and Employees Week” in the State of Delaware.