

# Proclamation

by

**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

of the

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Correctional employees provide a safe, secure and humane environment for both staff and offenders by prioritizing public safety while carrying out the mandates of the legislature and judiciary; and
- WHEREAS, A career in corrections is one of the most challenging and noble professions one can pursue. Crucial to our criminal justice system and Kentuckians' inherent right to be protected from those who violate our laws is the custody and supervision of convicted felons; and
- WHEREAS, Correctional staff do far more than just ensure the security of our jails and prisons and those confined therein. Nearly 4,000 Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) employees serve admirably in the field and in facilities across the state as probation and parole officers, correctional officers, health care professionals, teachers, chaplains, counselors, support staff, wardens and supervisors. They are among the most dedicated public servants in the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, These employees work cooperatively every day with religious and community organizations, local governments and inmates' families to facilitate the successful transition back into society of the roughly 16,000 inmates released each year from the department's custody, enhancing their ability to function as productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections recognizes that correctional employees are its most valuable asset and understands the need of their development by providing career advancement opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, In light of the significant, daily dangers faced by these brave employees while serving the state, and for the professional manner in which they perform their duties, it is fitting that we join in remembering and commending all correctional employees for their perilous and challenging work, and show them the appreciation of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2-7, 2011, as

## **CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES' WEEK**

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 219<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine N. Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Elaine N. Walker  
Secretary of State

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ELAINE N. WALKER

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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