

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

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April 30, 2009

PROCLAIMING NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND EMPLOYEES WEEK FOR MAY 3 – 9, 2009

WHEREAS, the corrections profession is one of the most challenging professions one can pursue. It is also one of the most noble. Correctional staff help keep our citizens and our communities safe-not simply by securing jails and prisons and the offenders confined there. Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in facilities all across the country as counselors, teachers, chaplains, health care professionals, support staff, custody officers, supervisors, wardens and directors. They are among the most capable, committed, patient and persistent public servants in our nation, and;

WHEREAS, few truly understand the difficulties and challenges these corrections professionals face daily, often at great personal risk. They are given those who engaged in dangerous and addictive behaviors, along with the responsibility to reform and rehabilitate. They are given society's illiterate and unskilled, and the task to educate. They are given those who lack medical care, or who are in poor health, and must help make them well. They are given the mentally ill, and the responsibility to diagnose, treat and protect and;

WHEREAS, the men and women entrusted to our custody have many wants either because they failed to find what they needed, or refused to accept what was offered in their homes, schools, or communities. Offenders need training, guidance, support and, in many cases, they are searching for spiritual direction. Correctional officers and employees are in a position to offer them a better example, and a new path. These staff do so with limited resources, and often with little awareness or acknowledgement from those outside of the field of corrections. Yet, correctional employees continue to rise to the challenge time and time again, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the week of May 3-9 to be National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in honor of all those who serve in the corrections profession, those who have served and those who have been injured.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.