

# NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

## MAY 3 – 9, 2020

In recognition of National Correctional Officers Week, NYSCOPBA wishes to thank all Corrections staff for their dedicated service. Now, more than any other time, we have faced uncertainty and fear. Yet, our brave men and women suit up and report for duty in the face of adversity. As essential workers, we are on the front lines serving and protecting. THANK YOU for the sacrifices you make in spite of the personal risk to you and to your families. May those we have lost rest in peace and God Bless our Corrections Officers and Sergeants.

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“Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as “guards,” occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional Officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections.” (President Ronald Reagan, May 5, 1984 – Proclamation 5817)