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## *Saluting Employees*

### **National Correctional Officers Week: May 5-11**

Since 1984, the first full week of May has been recognized as National Correctional Officers' Week. During this time, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) will conduct employee appreciation and memorial events to honor and thank corrections professionals for their public service.

Proclaiming the first week of May as National Correctional Officers Week, President Ronald Reagan clearly stated the reason for the period of appreciation and respect, saying, "No group of Americans has a more difficult or less publicly visible job than the brave men and women who work in our correctional facilities. The general public should fully appreciate correctional officials' capable handling of the physical and emotional de-

mands made upon them daily. Their profession requires careful and constant vigilance, and the threat of violence is always present."



TDCJ will hold a Fallen Officers' Memorial Ceremony to honor the dedicated professionals who lost their lives in the line of duty and to serve as a reminder of the professionalism and dedication of all corrections staff. Executive Director Brad Livingston is scheduled to speak at the event, to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10, at the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville. ●