

No. R-272. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 5–11, 2024 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.207)

Offered by: Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Casey of Montpelier, Emmons of Springfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Headrick of Burlington, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, correctional institutions are central to the American criminal justice system, and their orderly, safe, and around-the-clock operation is dependent on the professionalism of the nation’s correctional officers, and

Whereas, the duties of correctional officers in Vermont include providing security for residents and staff in correctional facilities, supervising all aspects of daily living, and fulfilling a mission to rehabilitate individuals and prepare them for successful reentry into the community, and

Whereas, correctional employees must also confront extraordinary on-the-job risks, including the occurrence of violence, the responsibility to provide life-saving emergency medical care, and the prevalence of issues such as substance addiction, chronic health conditions, and multigenerational trauma, and

Whereas, Vermont’s Department of Corrections is unique in being administered under the Agency of Human Services and in its unified statewide system that serves both sentenced offenders and detained individuals awaiting trial, and

Whereas, statewide, the Vermont Department of Corrections has 12 community-based probation and parole field offices at which probation and parole officers and community correctional officers supervise sentenced individuals in the community, and

Whereas, both the federal executive and legislative branches have designated the first full week of May as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 5–11, 2024 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Corrections, to the superintendent of each State correctional facility, and to the Vermont State Employees’ Association.