

COVID-19 Update – May 04, 2020

Hi all-

Happy Monday, and happy Corrections Professionals' Week! In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first full week in May to be "Correctional Officers' Week" to honor the commitment and sacrifice of those working in correctional facilities across the country. Since then, the recognition has been extended to not just the vigilant security staff, but also the countless other staff working inside the fences to keep people safe and change lives. Today, Governor Little signed a proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2020, to be Corrections Professionals' Week in Idaho. The proclamation is attached. In July, we'll celebrate the contributions of the hardworking staff in Probation and Parole.

I know the celebration this year will be different, but the realities of confronting a public health crisis necessitate some changes to our traditional celebrations. The public health crisis also underscores the importance of recognizing your incredible service now more than ever. I'm sure you're growing tired of hearing from me, so I have a special guest with a heart-felt message to some dedicated staff. Check out the video [here](#).

More details will be coming this week, and I look forward to highlighting the service and sacrifice of so many dedicated professionals at IDOC.

Thanks-
Josh