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### **Governor Rounds Proclaims "Correctional Employees Week"**

Pierre, S.D. - Governor Mike Rounds has proclaimed May 2<sup>nd</sup> -May 8<sup>th</sup> as "Correctional Employees Week" in South Dakota.

The Governor's executive proclamation recognizes the "vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity" that corrections employees play and that the operations of correctional facilities "represent a crucial component of the state's criminal justice system".

"The Governor's proclamation recognizes a group of individuals who work every day to make South Dakota a safer place to live," said Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch.

Corrections employees in South Dakota are responsible for the supervision, custody and care of more than 3-thousand adult inmates, 19-hundred parolees and nearly 11-hundred juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare.