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Governor Rounds Proclaims "Correctional Employees Week"

Pierre, S.D. - Governor Mike Rounds has proclaimed May 1st -May 7th as "Correctional Employees Week" in South Dakota.

The Governor's executive proclamation recognizes that "corrections facilities represent a crucial part of the state's criminal justice system" and that corrections employees "work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives".

"We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff of men and women working for the Department of Corrections," said Interim Corrections Secretary Doug Weber. "These men and women are a credit to the profession and because of this most important work they help make South Dakota a better place."

Corrections employees in South Dakota are responsible for the supervision, custody and care of more than 3-thousand adult inmates, 19-hundred parolees and more than 1-thousand juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare.