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Governor Rounds proclaims May 4-10 as Correctional Employees Week

Pierre, S.D. - Governor Mike Rounds has proclaimed May 4th-10th as "Correctional Employees Week" in South Dakota.

The Governor's Executive Proclamation recognizes correctional employees as “the catalyst for change in the correctional process by assisting inmates, parolees and juvenile offenders in developing the skills necessary to become productive members of society.”

"Our correctional employees are among the most dedicated workers anywhere. They work weekends, nights and holidays 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 3,300 adult inmates, 2,400 parolees and nearly one thousand juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare.

The Department of Corrections has adult prison facilities in Sioux Falls, Springfield, Yankton, Pierre, Redfield and Rapid City. The state’s juvenile corrections programs are located near Custer. Parole field offices are located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Watertown and Yankton. Juvenile Community Corrections field offices are located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Chamberlain, Custer, Huron, Mitchell, Mobridge, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Sisseton, Spearfish, Watertown, White River, Winner and Yankton.

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