

## 2011 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

*Designating March 16, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Corrections Officer Day in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 21, 2011

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2011

WHEREAS, individuals who work in public safety provide a valuable service in often stressful circumstances and in various locations while interacting with and observing a variety of people; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers perform essential supervision and security duties in institutional settings throughout the Commonwealth that help those institutions meet their public safety missions; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers supervise offenders while they are in the institution and also while in transport to ensure their safety and the safety of those around them, which necessitates a keen sense of observation and a high level of agility; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers must also interact with other staff, visitors, and the public, all while maintaining orderly and secure operations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their other duties, corrections officers keep detailed records regarding their own tasks and document their observations of offenders; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers perform their many duties oftentimes in institutions that have constantly changing populations, requiring corrections officers to be flexible and quick learners; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers provide an invaluable service to corrections institutions and the public across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Day will provide Virginians an opportunity to learn more about and reflect on the essential duties corrections officers perform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate March 16, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Corrections Officer Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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