PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 5-11, 2019 AS NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

WHEREAS, Correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees are resourceful, capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals in criminal justice and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees deserve recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2019 as NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK and urge all citizens to acknowledge the importance of the role of the Correctional officers who are deserving of our respect and our thanks.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 6th day of May 2019.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor