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## **Musgrove Proclaims May 6 – 12 as Employee Correctional Week**

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Governor Ronnie Musgrove has declared May 6 – 12, 2001, as the first Correctional Employee Week for the state of Mississippi. National Correctional Officer Week is an annual event that recognizes the millions of people who work in the field of corrections and are responsible for maintaining the public's safety by ensuring the safe and secure incarceration of inmates.

As part of Correctional Employee Week, the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Community Services Division has selected employees that have gone above and beyond the call of duty and represent the thousands of Mississippians who work for the state's correctional system. In Region II, probation and parole officer Johnny Hancock is that person.

Before joining MDOC five years ago, Hancock worked as a police officer in West Point; he currently works at the probation and parole office in West Point as a parole and probation officer. As Hancock said, he "wears many hats." He works as the office manager and coordinates the day to day activities of the probation and parole office, he's a member of the SWAT team for MDOC, serves as a preliminary hearing officer for probationers and parolees and he's on the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Clay county.

While at MDOC, Hancock is amazed by the growth of the Community Services Division of MDOC. "There are more offenders under the care of the Community Services Division than offenders that are actually in facilities," Hancock said. "I love my community, I love working in my community. I get a lot of satisfaction in the work that I do knowing that people can sleep safe in their homes at night."

When Hancock's not checking in with the 125 offenders he's assigned to, he enjoys woodworking. Hancock especially enjoys making toys for his children. With two boys and two girls, he makes a lot of toys. Hancock is married to Pam Hancock.

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**Media Note:** The Mississippi Department of Corrections has a digital photo of Johnny Hancock is available to media organizations that would like a copy. If you are interested, e-mail Claire Papizan, MDOC Communications Specialist, at [cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us) or call 601.359.5689.

