







**Whereas**, every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and

**Whereas**, redemption and second chances are quintessential American values; and

**Whereas**, an estimated 65 million Americans have a criminal record; and

**Whereas**, individuals returning from prison often face significant collateral consequences; and

**Whereas**, the Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences as a result of criminal conviction can exceed 48,000; and

Whereas, these barriers to can contribute to recidivism, which can increase victimization and decrease public safety; and

Whereas, the designation of April as "Second Chance Month" contributes to increased closure for those who have paid their debt, and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations and communities to extend second chances;

Row Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

## "Second Chance Month"

in the state of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great <u>Seal of</u> the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 12 day of February in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and Lightler,

and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and Knth year.

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