




THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is
presented to all observing:*

Second Chance Month

April 2018

Across Texas and the United States there are many individuals with criminal records, which can limit access to education, jobs, housing and other necessities for a full and productive life. These barriers are known as collateral consequences and can contribute to issues like recidivism and a decrease in public safety.

During April, a campaign is held to recognize that all people are created in God's image and no life is beyond God's reach. Second Chance Month promotes increased awareness about collateral consequences, the need for closure for those who have paid their debt to society and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations and communities to extend second chances.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best as you recognize this cause.



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my
name and caused the Seal of the State of
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin,
this the 16th day of March, 2018.*



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas