

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2018, TO BE "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Lombardi, Williams, Tobon, and Johnston

Date Introduced: April 26, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, One in four American adults has a prison record and even though many  
2 have served their time, changed their lives, and want to be responsible members of their  
3 communities and provide for their families, they face almost insurmountable odds that make it  
4 very difficult for them to be productive members of society; and

5 WHEREAS, American adults with criminal records are burdened with more than 48,000  
6 legal restrictions which severely limit their ability to find jobs, attain adequate housing and even  
7 vote in many jurisdictions. Combine this with the social stigma those with a criminal record face,  
8 and it is easy to understand just how hard it is for these adults to fully integrate back into society;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Prison Fellowship is the largest Christian ministry prisoner advocacy group  
11 in the world. They advocate on behalf of and in support of prisoners and former prisoners and  
12 their families. Prison Fellowship preaches the word of God and teaches about God's love and the  
13 power of redemption within 1,000 prisons in America; and

14 WHEREAS, Prison Fellowship also encourages prisoners to take responsibility for their  
15 crimes, to make amends to victims, if possible, and offers them counseling, teaches them life-  
16 skills, and advocates for criminal justice and prison reform; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
18 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of April, 2018, to be "Second Chance Month"  
19 in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
2   transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James J. Ackerman, President and CEO of  
3   Prison Fellowship.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
READ & PASSED  
APR 26 2018  
James J. McLeod Clerk



I, *Thaddeus Jendzejec*, *Acting Deputy Secretary of State* of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations **hereby Certify** that the foregoing is a true xerographic copy of:

House Resolution 18R204 (18-H8127) entitled "House Resolution Proclaiming the Month of April to be 'Second Chance Month' in the State of Rhode Island"

taken from the records in this office and compared with the original House Resolution 18R204 (18-H8127) passed in the House at the January session, A.D. 2018 on the twenty sixth day of April, A.D. 2018 and now remaining in this office.

Proposed by: Representatives Hull, Lombardi, Williams, Tobon, and Johnston



**In Testimony Whereof**, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the Seal of the  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
this, first day of May, A.D. 2018

*Thaddeus Jendzejec*  
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Acting Deputy Secretary of State