



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and
- WHEREAS:** Redemption and second chances are American values; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 47,000 individuals incarcerated in Georgia in 2018; and
- WHEREAS:** The Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 996 specific to Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** These barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization and decreases public safety; and
- WHEREAS:** The designation of April as Second Chance Month contributes to increased public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt, and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as SECOND CHANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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