  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

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

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with a criminal history often struggle to find housing, employment or education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their community, and pay for significant debt that arises as a result of their conviction and incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, youth face more than one thousand collateral consequences affecting their high school and higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary of the death of Charles Colson, who used his second chance following his incarceration for a Watergate-related crime to found Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest outreach to prisoners and their families, falls on April 21, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of April as Second Chance Month would contribute 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:

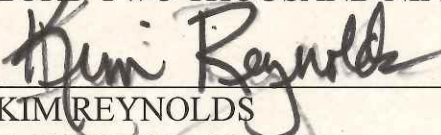
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

## S E C O N D C H A N C E M O N T H

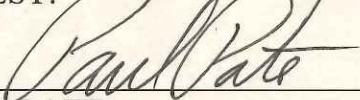
in Iowa.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS  
15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE