



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 26,000 individuals incarcerated and 69,000 individuals on probation and parole in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 822 specific to Alabama; 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 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 chance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2019, as

Second Chance Month

in the State of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 28th day of March 2019.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor