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PROCLAMATION
IN OBSERVANCE OF
SECOND CHANCE MONTH

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

Whereas, individuals returning from prison and those who have paid their debt after committing a crime face significant barriers, also known as collateral consequences; and

Whereas, individuals with a criminal record struggle to find housing, employment or education, regain voting rights, and volunteer in their community; 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 allows for increased public awareness about opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances.

Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor, and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare April 2019, as

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to recognize the importance of granting a second chance to those who have paid their debt to society.

John C. Carney
Governor

Bethany A. Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor