

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### *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

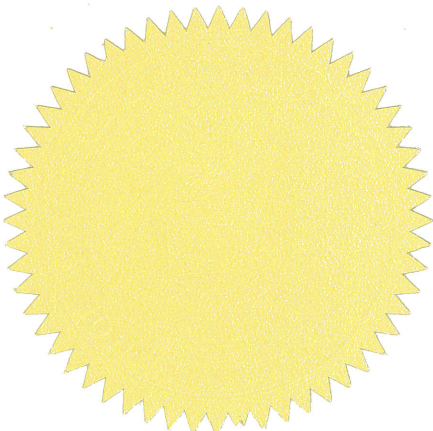
*Whereas*, the anniversary of the death of Charles Colson, who used his second chance following his incarceration for a Watergate-related crime to found Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest outreach to prisoners and their families, falls on April 21, 2012; and

*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*  
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Governor

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