

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, every person is endowed with dignity and value; and

Whereas, redemption and second chances are at the core of American values; and

Whereas, approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 25,000 individuals incarcerated and 31,000 individuals on probation and parole in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 1,187 specific to Oklahoma; and

Whereas, youth in America face more than one thousand collateral consequences affecting their high school and higher education; 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 will contribute to an increase in 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, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim April, 2020 as

"Second Chance Month"

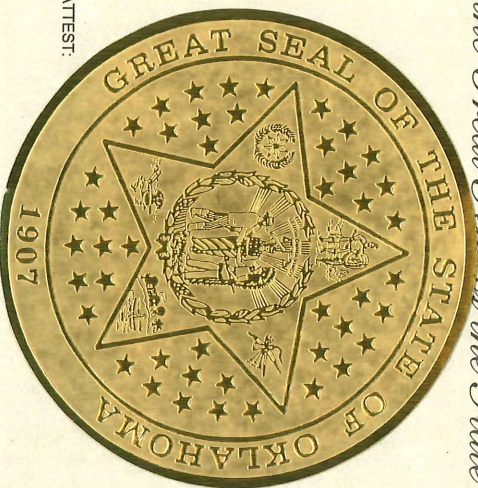
in the State of Oklahoma.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capital, in the City of Oklahoma City, this Second day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE



ATTEST: