

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and

WHEREAS,

Redemption and second chances are American values; and

WHEREAS,

An estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with over 5,000 individuals incarcerated and 14,000 individuals on probation and parole in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

The Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 730 consequences specific to Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

Youth in America face more than 1,000 collateral consequences affecting their high school and higher education; and

WHEREAS,

Helping people successfully return to the community reduces recidivism, which in turn reduces victimization and increases public safety; and

WHEREAS,

The designation of April as Second Chance Month contributes 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.

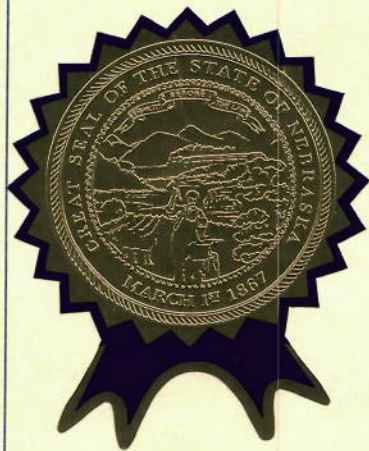
NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2022 as


SECOND CHANCE MONTH

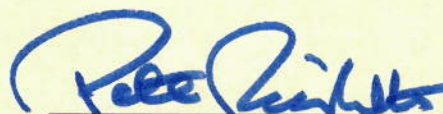
in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-two.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor