



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States of America must be the land of opportunity for all people where basic human dignity is placed at the forefront of policy and decision-making; and

WHEREAS: Nearly one-third of working-age adults in the United States have experienced involvement with the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS: Individuals who have been justice system involved often struggle to find housing, employment, or education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their communities, and pay for significant debts that arise as a result of their convictions and incarcerations; and

WHEREAS: The Council of State Governments reports that there are collectively more than 48,000 documented social stigmas and legal restrictions that inhibit full, productive lives after incarceration; and

WHEREAS: A robust coalition of business, congregations, and other organizations across the country have celebrated Second Chance Month since April 2017 through events, Second Chance 5Ks, briefings, social media campaigns, advocacy, public awareness, and other activities; and

WHEREAS: Second Chance Month increases public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debts and creates opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as:

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25th day of March.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon