



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, every person is endowed with value and human dignity, and redemption and second chances are American values; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 70 million Americans have a criminal record, including approximately 10,300 individuals currently incarcerated in the Nevada State prison system. Currently, nearly 19,000 Nevadans in the State are on probation or parole; and

WHEREAS, individuals returning from prison who have paid their debt after committing a crime face significant barriers, regarding housing, employment and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization and decreases public safety, great strides in reform to Nevada legislation have been made, however there is still work to be done, these efforts will continue to improve Nevada's investment in human capital and economic output; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month in Nevada raises awareness about the challenges individuals with criminal records face and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances to those who have paid their debt to society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as

SECOND CHANCE MONTH IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23rd day of March 2022.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By *Scott M. Wilson* _____ Deputy