



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SECOND CHANCE MONTH**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, a great majority of the incarcerated individuals in North Carolina will eventually return to communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, formerly incarcerated individuals face many hurdles upon their release in securing employment, housing, transportation and health care; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state and federal leaders recognize these barriers, and continue to develop programs and policies to make it easier for these individuals to live healthy as well as successful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC) state and local community organizations, and other advocates are coordinating reentry planning, initiatives and identifying service gaps to better assist the formerly incarcerated with their transition; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRCC continuously looks for new and innovative ways to make local reentry councils more effective in their efforts to help the formerly incarcerated following their release; and

**WHEREAS**, providing resources for the formerly incarcerated is a community-wide effort among local reentry councils, faith-based organizations, volunteers, and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, all these efforts by policy makers, reentry professionals, and volunteers help to reduce the stigma of incarceration and provide justice-involved people with increased opportunities and a better chance of a successful reentry to their community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2022, as "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.