BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

WHEREAS: All people are endowed with human dignity and value; and
WHEREAS: Redemption and second chances are American values; and
WHEREAS: Approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 46,000 individuals incarcerated in state prisons across Georgia; and
WHEREAS: The Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 1,006 specific to Georgia; 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 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; and

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as SECOND CHANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF