

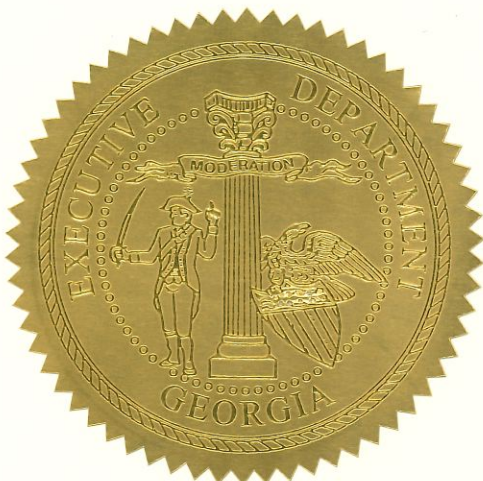
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SECOND CHANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Redemption and second chances are American values because all people are endowed with human dignity and value; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 40,000 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; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2022 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha K. Beckwith*

CHIEF OF STAFF