



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### SECOND CHANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Every person is 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, more than 48,000 individuals incarcerated and 191,000 individuals on probation and parole in 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 would contribute 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 2023, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martin Kilpatrick*

CHIEF OF STAFF