



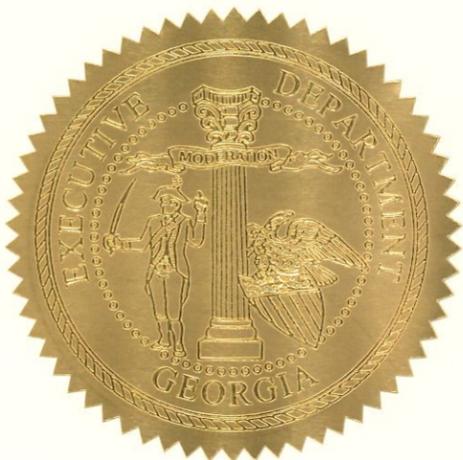
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

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:** An estimated 80 million Americans have a criminal record, more than 52,000 individuals incarcerated, and 194,000 individuals on probation and parole in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction nearly reaches 44,000, including 978 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 2026, 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 18th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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