



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*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, with more than 27,000 individuals incarcerated and 69,000 individuals on probation and parole in Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 822 specific to Alabama; 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2020, as*

# *Second Chance Month*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*