



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and

WHEREAS, supporting the reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals enhances public safety and strengthens communities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Alabamians face barriers to employment, housing and education due to past criminal records, limiting their ability to contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's recidivism rate stands at approximately 30 percent, underscoring the need for effective reentry programs that reduce repeat offenses and promote successful reintegration; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles is committed to rehabilitation and recidivism reduction through initiatives, including the Perry County PREP Center, which provides personal development, education, vocational training and life skills; and

WHEREAS, zero of over 300 graduates of the PREP Center have returned to prison since its opening in 2022, demonstrating the program's success in preparing individuals for life beyond incarceration; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have paid their debt to society have earned the opportunity to rebuild their lives and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, every individual has the potential to contribute positively to society when given a second chance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

Second Chance Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to support efforts that give individuals a fair opportunity to rebuild their lives.



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 10th day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor