



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the promise of justice is founded upon the principles of fairness, rehabilitation and the belief in the transformative power of redemption. Every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans have an arrest or conviction record that often results in lasting collateral consequences, creating significant barriers to employment, housing, education and economic mobility. 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 is a proud Reentry 2030 state, committed to the bold goal of reducing recidivism by 50 percent and increasing workforce participation among justice-impacted individuals by 50 percent by the year 2030. 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, Second Chance Month is an opportunity to recognize the need to eliminate barriers that hinder successful reentry and to affirm that true justice includes ensuring access to opportunities for those who have been most vulnerable and marginalized. 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 2026 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 26th day of March 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor