

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



## *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

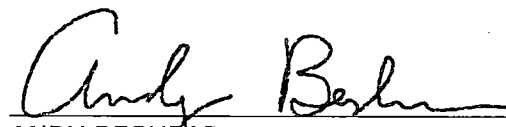
- WHEREAS, Every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and
- WHEREAS, Redemption and second chances are American values; and
- WHEREAS, Approximately 80 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 19,000 individuals incarcerated and 48,000 individuals on probation and parole in Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, The number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 645 specific to Kentucky; 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 contributes to increased public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt, as well as opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as

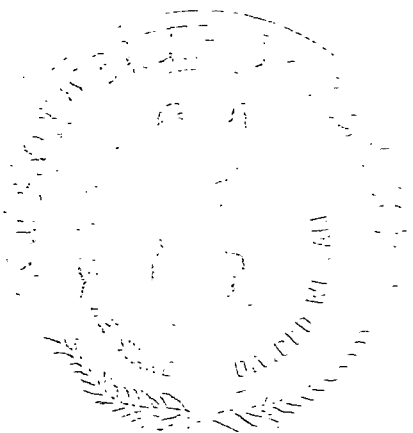
## SECOND CHANCE MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five and in the 233<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
Michael G. Adams  
Secretary of State



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