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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2021 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives, reach their fullest potential and become  
2 productive members of society; and

3 WHEREAS, an estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record, and more than 600,000 individuals return  
4 to their communities from state and federal prisons each year; and

5 WHEREAS, individuals returning from prison often struggle to find housing, employment, or regain voting rights  
6 as a result of their conviction and incarceration; and

7 WHEREAS, mass incarceration and failed criminal justice policies have emphasized imprisonment over  
8 rehabilitation and prevention for years, resulting in nearly 1 in 4 American adults having a criminal record; and

9 WHEREAS, the stigma and legal barriers associated with a criminal record results in lost human capital and lost  
10 economic output for the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, reducing barriers contributes to public safety by reducing recidivism, increasing the economic well-  
12 being of entire communities, and allowing individuals the opportunity to seek a better life for themselves and their families  
13 and to contribute to society in a positive and meaningful way; and

14 WHEREAS, gaining meaningful employment is one of the most significant predictors of successful reentry and  
15 reducing future criminal activity; and

16 WHEREAS, Delaware's criminal justice reform efforts have expanded the availability of juvenile and adult  
17 expungements, increased judicial discretion in the stacking of sentences and lessened restrictions on professional licensure  
18 occupations; and

19 WHEREAS, many system-impacted individuals are still not aware of the opportunities available from criminal  
20 justice reforms; and

21 WHEREAS, focusing on prevention, reentry, and social support, rather than incarceration, ensures that America is  
22 a land of second chances and opportunity for all people; and

23 WHEREAS, Second Chance Month increases public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid  
24 their debts and provides an opportunity for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second  
25 chances to those with criminal records; and

26 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, President Biden proclaimed April 2021 as Second Chance Month.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
29 Representatives concurring therein, that April 2021 is hereby recognized as "Second Chance Month" in the State of  
30 Delaware.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolutions proclaims April 2021 as "Second Chance Month" in the State of Delaware.

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