



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, individuals returning from prison and those who have otherwise completed their sentences after committing a crime face significant barriers, also known as collateral consequences; and

WHEREAS, these barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization and decreases public safety; and

WHEREAS, individuals with a criminal history often struggle to find housing, employment or educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness regarding the importance of extending second chances could change the future of many Tennesseans;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

Second Chance Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty first day of February 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State