



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 2024 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 fourth day of April, 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Rusk*

Secretary of State