



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the power of redemption, human dignity and self-worth are values that strengthen individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are released from prison and are willing to become contributing members of society deserve a second chance; and

WHEREAS, second chances for people released from prison are vital in reducing prison populations, lowering recidivism, making our communities safer, and decreasing taxpayers' burdens; and

WHEREAS, individuals with a criminal history face numerous challenges in finding employment, housing, and health care; and

WHEREAS, educational opportunities, job training, life skills classes, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services maximize the likelihood of success upon release; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Public Safety strives to provide meaningful programming and re-entry services to effect change and reduce recidivism; and

WHEREAS, with the help of community organizations and state agencies, second chances for released individuals can make a long-term positive impact for all of society;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

“SECOND CHANCE MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of barriers facing released individuals and help them to unlock opportunities to a brighter future with a second chance.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of March 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i