

Resolution

WHEREAS, Every person is endowed with human dignity and value, and redemption and second chances are American values; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one-third of working-age adults in the United States have experienced involvement with the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, At any given time in Florida, there are over 86,000 adults incarcerated in state prison and more than 146,000 adults are on felony supervision; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with a criminal history face significant barriers such as the inability to find housing, employment or education, volunteer in their community, and pay significant debt that arises because of their conviction and incarceration; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The designation of April as Second Chance Month can contribute to increased public awareness about the challenges faced by those who have paid their debt, and creates opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances.

NOW THEREFORE be it proclaimed by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, that **April** be designated as

SECOND CHANCE MONTH IN BREVARD COUNTY

DONE AND ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 9th day of April A.D., 2024.

ATTEST:

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

Jason Steele, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS BREVARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA