

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-032**

Proclaiming the Month of April 2022 as "Second Chance Month" in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Every person is endowed with human dignity and value.
- b. Everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives, reach their fullest potential and become a productive member of society.
- c. Individuals with a criminal history often struggle to find housing, secure employment, pursue higher education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their community, and pay for significant debt that arises as a result of their conviction and incarceration.
- d. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many of the struggles faced by individuals with a criminal history.
- e. The Department of Community Justice provides services and information for those individuals who are returning to their community through supervision, programmatic activities and outreach.
- f. **831** individuals were released from state custody in 2021, **754** required housing assistance, **460** were identified as persons who could use mental health supports, **196** have medical mobility issues, and **29** were identified with a cognitive or intellectual disability.
- g. The designation of April as Second Chance Month would contribute to increased public awareness about the need for support and closure for those who have paid their debt, and opportunities for individuals, employers, and communities to extend second chances.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The month of April 2022, is declared Second Chance Month in Multnomah County, Oregon to honor reentry efforts in our community that support individuals making the challenging transition back into society from incarceration.

**ADOPTED this 21th day of April, 2022.**

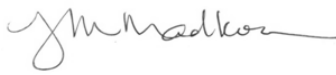


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