

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-026**

Declaring the Month of April 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. 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.
- c. Last year, there were approximately 2,900 individuals on post-prison supervision in Multnomah County.
- d. Multnomah County has a responsibility to build and maintain the infrastructure that supports people repairing harm, rebuilding their lives, and becoming productive members of society.
- e. The Department of Community Justice provides services and information to individuals returning to their community through supervision, culturally responsive services, programmatic activities, outreach, and restorative practices to increase positive behavior change and reduce disparities.
- f. The Department of Community Justice relies on partnerships and collaborations with community partners to enhance our effectiveness in meeting the needs of justice involved individuals.
- g. The designation of April as Second Chance Month contributes 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 2024, 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 25th day of April, 2024.**




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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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