

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans have a criminal record, including over 2,700 individuals currently incarcerated and 10,000 on probation and parole in Montana; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals with a criminal history often struggle to find housing, employment, or education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their community, and pay for significant debt that arises as a result of their conviction and incarceration; and*

*WHEREAS, the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, with 527 barriers unique to Montana; and*

*WHEREAS, these barriers can contribute to recidivism, which decreases public safety; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Montana is committed to providing incarcerated individuals with more tools to successfully reenter society and the workforce, reducing recidivism and making our communities safer and stronger;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2023*

### **SECOND CHANCE MONTH**

in Montana to reduce recidivism and promote safer, stronger communities.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor