

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, individuals returning from prison often face significant barriers upon reentering society, also known as collateral consequences; and

WHEREAS, these barriers can make it more difficult for individuals to find housing, employment, or education, limiting their ability to become self-sufficient and serve as contributing members in their communities; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 44,000 legal collateral consequences associated with a criminal conviction nationwide, including 535 unique to Montana; and

WHEREAS, supporting successful reentry helps strengthen Montana's workforce while reducing recidivism and improving public safety for our communities; and

WHEREAS, April marks the anniversary of the passing of Charles Colson, who dedicated his life to faith-based service by founding Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest outreach to prisoners and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2026

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

in Montana to support previously incarcerated individuals as productive members of society and reduce recidivism.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor