

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-030

Proclaiming the Month of April, 2019 as "Second Chance Month" in Multnomah County, Oregon.

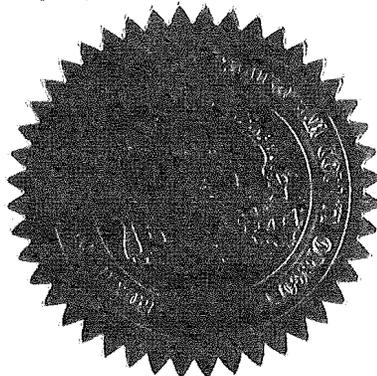
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Whereas, every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and
- b. Whereas, everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives, reach their fullest potential and become a productive members of society; and
- c. Whereas, at any given time in Oregon, there are roughly **1,800** people incarcerated in the Sheridan Federal Prison, **15,000** adults incarcerated in state prisons, **5,500** people in county jails across the state and **550** youth in state youth correctional facilities. This does not include those on probation or parole. Multnomah County supervises an estimated 20% of state population on supervision; and
- d. Whereas, 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; and
- e. Whereas, the Department of Community Justice provides services and information for those individuals who are returning to their community through supervision, programmatic activities and outreach; and
- f. Whereas the designation of April as Second Chance Month would contribute to increased public awareness about the need for 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 2019, is declared Second Chance Month in Multnomah County, Oregon to honor re-entry efforts in our community that supports individuals making the challenging transition back into society from incarceration.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2019.

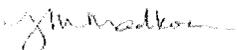


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