

Whereas

Whereas, everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives, reach their fullest potential, and become productive members of society; and

Whereas, an estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record, and over 600 thousand are released from prison every year; and

Whereas, justice-involved individuals often struggle to find housing, secure employment, pursue higher education, regain voting rights, and regain financial freedom; and

Whereas, justice-involved individuals are disproportionately represented in Portland's homeless and unemployed populations; and

Whereas, people of color are disproportionately represented in Oregon's prison system and face even higher barriers once they are released; and

Whereas, we are all safer when justice-involved individuals are given every opportunity to access stable homes, secure employment, and rebuild their lives;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2019 to be

Second Chance Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.



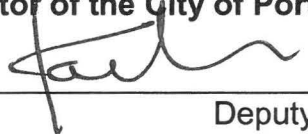
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly)

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