

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON PROCLAMATION NO.**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-020

Proclaiming the Month of April, 2021 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. Everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives, reach their fullest potential and become a productive members of society.
- c. 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.
- d. The Department of Community Justice provides services and information for those individuals who are returning to their community through supervision, programmatic activities and outreach.
- e. **1,244** individuals were released from state custody in 2020, **800** required housing assistance, **440** were identified as persons who could use mental health supports, **719** lived with a substance abuse disorder, and **164** have medical mobility issues.
- f. The designation of April as Second Chance Month would contribute 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 2021, 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.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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