

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with 42,441 individuals incarcerated and 85,000 individuals under supervision by community corrections in Arizona; and
WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of individuals held in state prisons will eventually be released back into the community after having completed their sentence; and
WHEREAS, individuals who have served their time and paid their debt to society deserve a real second chance to turn their lives around; and
WHEREAS, many individuals who are released from custody face significant barriers to obtaining employment and housing, including lack of in-demand job skills, lack of high school degree, substance abuse disorder, and mental illness; and
WHEREAS, studies have shown that education programs, job training programs, and substance abuse treatment provided in correctional settings reduce recidivism rates; and
WHEREAS, in March 2017, the Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry opened the first Second Chance Center bringing comprehensive workforce readiness services to inmates nearing release, which includes participation in on-site job fairs, enrollment in healthcare and nutrition assistance, as well as connections to housing, clothing, and transportation; and
WHEREAS, Second Chance Centers have expanded to three prisons and a total of 4,127 inmates have completed the program with 2,534 individuals obtaining gainful employment upon release, as of January 30, 2020.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

SECOND CHANCE MONTH IN ARIZONA



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE