

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### SECOND CHANCE MONTH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, every person is endowed with human dignity and value, and redemption and second chances are American values; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 million Americans have a criminal record, with approximately 1,800 individuals incarcerated and 6,000 individuals on community supervision in North Dakota; and


WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 544 specific to North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, these barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization and decreases public safety; and

WHEREAS, the designation of April as Second Chance Month is intended to increase public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt, and promote opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations and communities to extend second chances.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 2025, **SECOND CHANCE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE