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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On March 31, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden
3 proclaimed April 2023 as Second Chance Month and called upon
4 all government officials, educators, volunteers, and all the
5 people of the United States to observe the month with
6 appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

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WHEREAS, A criminal record can prevent individuals from
8 landing a steady job, a safe place to live, quality health
9 care, or the chance to go to back school; and

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WHEREAS, A criminal record can keep someone from ever
11 getting a loan to buy a home, start a business, or build a
12 future; and

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WHEREAS, A criminal record can bar an individual from
14 voting; and

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WHEREAS, Three-quarters of formerly incarcerated people
16 remain unemployed a year after their release, and joblessness
17 is a top predictor of recidivism; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of
19 Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of
20 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are supporting

1 Second Chance Month to help individuals, communities, and
2 agencies across the country recognize the importance of
3 reentry and their role in supporting safe and successful
4 reentry; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April of
7 2023 as "Second Chance Month" in the State of Illinois.