

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The United States of America must be the land of opportunity for all people where basic human dignity is placed at the forefront of policy and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one-third of working-age adults in the United States have experienced involvement with the criminal justice system; and

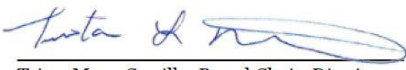
WHEREAS, Individuals who have been involved in the justice system often struggle to find housing, employment, education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their communities, and pay for significant debts that arise as a result of their convictions and incarcerations; and

WHEREAS, The Council of State Governments reports that there are collectively more than 48,000 documented social stigmas and legal restrictions that inhibit full, productive lives after incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month increases public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debts and creates opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations and communities to extend second chances; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County partners with a robust coalition of community members, employers, and community-based organizations that work tirelessly on behalf of those within the criminal justice system to promote repair and reestablish belonging within families and communities to ensure equitable employment opportunities; Now, Therefore, Be It


PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares the month of April 2022 as Second Chance Month in Ramsey County.



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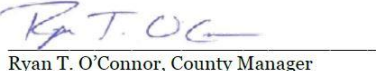
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