

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; forgiveness, empathy, compassion, and respect are core Wisconsin values, and all Wisconsinites deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

*WHEREAS*; formerly incarcerated individuals often face difficulties finding adequate employment, housing, and education, as well as volunteer opportunities and pathways to pay off debt arising from conviction and incarceration, which are all factors that result in lost potential, contribute to recidivism, and affect public safety; and

*WHEREAS*; investing in rehabilitation for currently and formerly incarcerated individuals who have worked to make amends and positive contributions in their communities can promote opportunity for individuals, families, and communities across the state, helping bolster Wisconsin's economy and workforce; and

*WHEREAS*; the safe and successful reentry of justice-involved individuals while balancing the protection and support of victims and survivors is a priority for the state; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins justice-involved individuals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state in reaffirming its commitment to comprehensive and meaningful criminal justice reform, promoting compassion, empathy, and forgiveness as Wisconsin values, and raising awareness of opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

### SECOND CHANCE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11th day of March 2024.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State