



*Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”*

If there were ever a more appropriate and shocking announcement to the discouraged followers of Jesus, it was the word **“GREETINGS!”** To see Jesus face to face, after witnessing his most brutal death, must have been the **GREATEST “SON RISE” EVER IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND.** A resurrection for a **“second chance”** on the human race. His physical resurrection was a confirmation to us all – “I have the power to forgive your sins and destroy the sting of death for a **SECOND CHANCE.**” For God knows we were “locked into time” paralyzed from the past and the future tense.

### Statewide “Second Chance” Month Proclamation

In God’s divine providence and sovereignty, He is revealing to our heads of states the same principles of a **SECOND CHANCE.** Our newly elected **Governor Brian Kemp** of Georgia has declared **April 2019 month** as a **SECOND CHANCE FOR INMATES.** This declaration should be proclaimed daily as sure as the rising sun.



### Gwinnett Co. “Second Chance” Month Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS,** An estimated 70 million Americans have a criminal record, and individuals returning from prison and those who have paid their debt after committing a crime face significant barriers, also known as collateral consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** Individuals with a criminal history often struggle to find housing, employment or education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their community, and pay for significant debt that arises as a result of their conviction and incarceration; and

**WHEREAS,** These barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization and decreases public safety, and the stigma and legal barriers associated with a criminal record result in lost human capital and lost economic output for the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The anniversary of the death of Charles Colson, who used his second chance following his incarceration for a Watergate-related crime to found Prison Fellowship, the nation’s largest outreach to prisoners and their families, falls on April 21, 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** Businesses, congregations, and other organizations across the country celebrate Second Chance Month through prayer walks, Second Chance Sunday services, briefings, social media campaigns, advocacy, press, Second Chance 5Ks, and other events and activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Charlotte J. Nash, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare April 2019 as Second Chance Month in Gwinnett. This designation contributes to increased public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances.

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

## FALLEN HERO'S MEMORIAL

75 LANGLEY DR. LAWRENCEVILLE

MAY 2, 2019 THURSDAY

11:30 AM

### LOVE IN ACTION

"Love must be **sincere**". (Romans 12:9-21)

Examination to grade yourself 1 to 5

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction.

Faithful in prayer.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice;

Mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

HOME IMPROVEMENT SCORE

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SECOND CHANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and
- WHEREAS:** Redemption and second chances are American values; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, with more than 47,000 individuals incarcerated in Georgia in 2018; and
- WHEREAS:** The Council of State Governments reports that the number of legal collateral consequences of a criminal conviction exceeds 44,000, including 996 specific to Georgia; 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 contributes to increased public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt, and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as SECOND CHANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Teri K. Fleming*  
CHIEF OF STAFF