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**RIA :: Second Chance Month  
Councilman Hobbs**

**Recognizing April 2024 as National Second Chance month in Toledo.**

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 individuals are released from federal and state prisons with millions more cycled through our jails annually; and

WHEREAS, promoting the rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals who have paid their debt to society makes communities safer by reducing victimization and recidivism, assists those who return from jail or prison to become productive citizens, and saves taxpayer dollars by lowering direct and collateral costs of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, providing returning citizens with affordable housing, job and life skills, educational opportunities, and mental health and addiction treatment services increases the likelihood that they will be successful upon release; and

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of the Reentry Coalition of Northwest Ohio, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Reentry Committee, and dedicated reentry agencies and volunteers, Lucas County's recidivism rate is 23.2% which is lower than the statewide average of 32.7% and a nationwide average of 51%; and

WHEREAS, Lucas County have taken important steps to reduce barriers facing people who are released from prison or jail through collaborations with the Federal Reentry Court, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and the Reentry Coalition of Northwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, effective reentry programs offer the chance for a better life to those who return from correction facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that:

SECTION 1. that we recognize April 2024 as National Second Chance month in Toledo and encourage all residents to recognize the critical reentry work being done in Toledo Lucas County Ohio on a daily basis by dedicated reentry advocates.

Adopted: yeas 11, nays 0.

Attest:

Julie A. Gibbons  
Clerk of Council

Carrie Hartman  
President of Council

Approved:

April 11, 2024  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor