



Legislation Text

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Councilman Hobbs

**Recognize April as National Second Chance month in Toledo.**

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 individuals are released from federal and state prisons with millions more cycle 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 49%; and

WHEREAS, Toledo and 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 by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Toledo does hereby recognize April as National Second Chance month in Toledo and encourages all residents to recognize the critical reentry work being done in Toledo on a daily basis by dedicated reentry advocates.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: April 12, 2022: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry  
President of Council

Approved:

April 13, 2022  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor