



Legislation Text

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Council Members Johnson and Adams

Declaring April 2019 as Second Chance Month in Toledo.

WHEREAS, a nationwide effort has been made to raise awareness of the collateral consequences of criminal conviction and unlock second-chance opportunities for people who have paid their debts to society to become contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS, this effort was led by Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners, families and an advocate for justice reform; and

WHEREAS, Toledo and Lucas County are taking important steps to reduce barriers for formerly incarcerated individuals in collaboration with the Reentry Coalition of NW Ohio, Federal Reentry Court, and the office of Reentry at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, Toledo and Lucas County both recognize that providing incarcerated individuals with job and life skills, educational opportunities, affordable housing, mental health and addiction treatment increases the likelihood that they will be successful when released; and

WHEREAS, due to local dedicated Reentry agencies and volunteers, Lucas County recidivism rate is 26.5%, compared to a statewide rate of 32% and a nationwide rate of 49%; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the month of April 2019 is declared to be Second Chance Month in Toledo, Ohio, and the Reentry Coalition of NW Ohio, Federal Reentry Court, and the office of Reentry at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council are hereby commended for their commitment to this important issue.

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

Adopted: _____: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: _____
Clerk of Council