

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Individuals returning from prison and those who have paid their debt after committing a crime face significant barriers, also known as collateral consequences, which causes them to struggle to find housing, employment, education, voting rights, and pay for significant debt that arises as a result of their conviction and incarceration; and



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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, which often results in lost human capital and lost economic output for the United States; and



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WHEREAS,

Fulton County Sheriff's Office Re-entry Task Force provides information and tools to improve the jail-to-community reentry process and has helped to reduce the recidivism rate and associated costs, and assists individuals in jail with educational, vocational, and job placement services to facilitate reentry into the community; and



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WHEREAS,

re-entry breaks the cycle of criminal recidivism and increases public safety, rebuilds ties between offenders and their families, both while the offenders are incarcerated and after reentry into- the community, and promotes stable families and communities; and



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WHEREAS,

re-entry initiatives have improved system performance by increasing coordination, and information sharing among Fulton County's Criminal Justice agencies and community-based organizations, which reduces the duplication of efforts and enhances the impact of existing resources that results in lower costs across the criminal justice system;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners supports increasing public awareness about the need for closure for those who have paid their debt, encourages opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances, and does hereby proclaim the month of April as "NATIONAL RE-ENTRY MONTH" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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