



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 260346

Recognizing April 2026 as Second Chance Month in Kansas City.

WHEREAS, approximately 1.8 million people in Missouri have a criminal record; and

WHEREAS, individuals with criminal records face more than 44,000 documented collateral consequences nationwide, including barriers to employment, housing, education, licensing, and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month, observed each April across the United States, raises awareness of the challenges faced by justice-impacted individuals and promotes policies, programs, and practices that support successful reentry and reintegration; and

WHEREAS, providing second chances strengthens families, improves public safety, reduces recidivism, and contributes to a stronger and more inclusive local economy; and

WHEREAS, Clear Tomorrow KC, recently launched the Jordyn L. Waller Second Chance Scholarship Fund, providing educational opportunities and financial support to individuals seeking to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City continues to lead through collaborative efforts such as the Kansas City Municipal Court Community Coalition, bringing together cross-sector partners to transform the justice system and remove barriers for residents; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Second Chance Month affirms Kansas City's commitment to dignity, redemption, and opportunity for all individuals; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare April as Second Chance Month in Kansas City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Journey to New Life, Kansas City Municipal Court, and Clear Tomorrow KC with the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the dedication in supporting programs and policies that advance the interests of justice.

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Authenticated as Passed

Quinton [Signature] Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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