

- k. Adopt Proclamation declaring April 2024 as “Second Chance Month” in Santa Clara County and encouraging County officials and employees, local employers, and residents to participate in or host associated activities or events. (Diversion and Reentry Services, Office of the County Executive)

WHEREAS, counties across the country are working to provide opportunities for employment, housing, healthcare, education, voting and many other fundamental, often unmet needs for the nearly 80 million Americans with an arrest or conviction record;

WHEREAS, despite completing their legal obligations associated with their crimes, roughly 75 percent of individuals who have been incarcerated remain unemployed a year post release, due in large part to social stigma, regulatory restrictions, and unmet medical, mental health and substance use needs that prevent them from thriving in our communities;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, the National Reentry Resource Center, and communities across the country recognize Second Chance Month in April by sharing programs and initiatives, and hosting events to educate government and community organizations and the public about the significant barriers that justice-involved individuals face and the programs and resources they need to create changes in their lives;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara's Adult Probation Department, the Office of Diversion and Reentry Services and the Office of Pretrial Services is hosting a job and resource fair for formerly incarcerated individuals on April 24, 2024;

WHEREAS, the County is producing an updated Second Chances public service video to highlight our community's commitment to second chances and to inspire more residents to support those efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the County continues to offer reentry services with high utilization in educational, employment, healthcare and many other programs through the Reentry Resource Centers indicating that many individuals exiting our jails and prisons need and are actively seeking and working towards second chances.

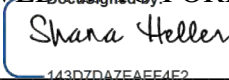
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim April 2024 as

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

and encourages all county officials, employees, employers, and residents to participate in or host associated activities or events.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this Fifteenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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