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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, KEARNEY, KANE, HUGHES, STREET,  
FONTANA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO AND PHILLIPS-HILL, APRIL 14, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 14, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2021 as "Second Chance Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year more than 15,000 inmates earn parole or  
4 complete their prison sentence; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 37% of inmates who are released from  
6 the Department of Corrections will be rearrested or  
7 reincarcerated within one year of release from prison and 63%  
8 will be rearrested or reincarcerated within 3 years of release  
9 from prison; and

10 WHEREAS, Our Commonwealth recognizes the importance of  
11 establishing effective reentry strategies through collaboration  
12 with State and county agencies, citizens, community service  
13 providers and social service advocates to efficiently use and  
14 streamline resources; and

15 WHEREAS, Working together as a Commonwealth, we are creating  
16 better opportunities for these returning citizens to fully  
17 reintegrate into their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Working together benefits not just those individuals

1 but all of society and it is the best strategy to reduce  
2 recidivism; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2021  
4 as "Second Chance Month" in Pennsylvania.