

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 125

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WHEREAS, Second Chance Month has been observed in April in the United States since 2017 in an effort to raise awareness of the collateral consequences of criminal, especially felony, convictions and to seek solutions; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than six hundred thousand individuals are released from state and federal prisons across the United States, including over four thousand returning to communities in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is a time to recognize the importance of second chances and to support the safe and successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, individuals that are system impacted often face significant barriers to housing, employment, and education; and

WHEREAS, removing barriers and supporting reentry efforts through a commitment to second chance opportunities and social support not only strengthens families and communities, but also improves public safety, reduces recidivism, contributes to a stronger economy, and ensures that Nebraska remains a land of opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is an opportunity to affirm the dignity and potential of every person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 2025 as Second Chance Month in Nebraska.