

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Reps. Aiyash, Tyrone Carter, Churches, Glanville, Haadsma, Hope, Hoskins, McFall, Price, Rheingans, Wegela, Weiss, Wilson and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2023 as Second Chance Month and
2 April 23-29, 2023, as Reentry Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Every human being is worthy of respect and dignity;
4 and

5 Whereas, Redemption and rehabilitation are core to our beliefs
6 and commitment to one another; and

7 Whereas, Second chances and opportunities to rebuild one's
8 life after an arrest or incarceration are pivotal to not only
9 individuals, but also to strong and healthy communities in
10 Michigan; and

1 Whereas, More than 4 million Michiganders have some type of
2 arrest or conviction history; and

3 Whereas, People with conviction histories face immense
4 barriers when returning to our communities, such as challenges to
5 obtaining safe and stable housing, finding employment, accessing
6 education, reuniting with family, and navigating restrictions on
7 their mobility; and

8 Whereas, The barriers faced by people with conviction
9 histories are disproportionately felt by people of color and people
10 experiencing poverty; and

11 Whereas, People who are formerly incarcerated are almost 10
12 times more likely than the general public to be unhoused; and

13 Whereas, Removing barriers and increasing access to stable
14 housing and meaningful employment is linked to decreased crime and
15 improved public safety; and

16 Whereas, Michigan has made great strides with historic clean
17 slate legislation to expunge Michiganders' records, breaking down
18 barriers to housing, employment, and other essential needs; and

19 Whereas, Continued efforts must be made to ensure that all
20 Michiganders have access to second chances and opportunities to
21 build a healthy life for our collective communities to be whole and
22 strong; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Second Chance Month and
25 April 23-29, 2023, as Reentry Week in the state of Michigan. We
26 recognize the importance of second chances and removing barriers
27 for people with conviction histories.