

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles is committed to its mission of "providing opportunities for positive change" and is steadfast in its support of the rehabilitation and reintegration of justice-involved individuals;

**WHEREAS:** The prison population in Georgia exceeds 50,000 individuals, and the parole population stands at more than 14,000 individuals, each of whom has the potential for transformation and positive contribution to society;

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles holds the unique constitutional authority to grant executive clemency in the form of pardons, paroles, reprieves, and commutations, ensuring fair opportunities for those who seek redemption and change;

**WHEREAS:** The Parole Board is dedicated to supporting successful outcomes for parolees by enforcing special parole conditions that promote treatment and programs crucial to successful reintegration into society;

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles recognizes that considering those who are eligible for Pardons and Restoration of Rights affords the opportunity for a second chance to rebuild their life, and that redemption, is a key element of our justice system;

**THEREFORE: BE IT NOW HEREBY RESOLVED** by the members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, in accord with federal and state governments and our partner agencies in Georgia hereby acknowledges the month of April as **Second Chance Month**, declaring the importance of providing justice-involved individuals with the opportunity to turn their lives around, reintegrate into society, and contribute positively to the communities of Georgia.

So **ORDERED** upon this 1st Day of April 2026.

  
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Joyette Holmes, Chair

Wayne V. Bennett, Vice-Chair

Robert S. Markley, Member

Kimberly McCoy, Member

Josh Waters, Member