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El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	Approve and adopt a resolution declaring April 2025 as "Second Chance Month" in El Paso County and recognizing the work of our Reentry Support Services Unit for their work to ensure all residents are valued.
Submitted By:	Sergio Coronado, Commissioner
Department:	Precinct 4
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Subject:	Approve and adopt a resolution declaring April 2025 as "Second Chance Month" in El Paso County and recognizing the work of our Reentry Support Services Unit for their work to ensure all residents are valued.
Background:	<p>Approve and adopt a resolution declaring April 2025 as "Second Chance Month" in El Paso County and recognizing the work of our Reentry Support Services Unit for their work to ensure all residents are valued.</p> <p>Second Chance Month showcases the impact of reentry work across the country. When people returning from incarceration have access to jobs, housing, and healthcare, we all benefit— because second chances lead to stronger communities.</p>
Estimated Time Needed For This Item:	



EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, every person is endowed with human dignity and value, and El Paso County affirms each person's entitlement to second chances with compassion and understanding; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 80 million Americans have a criminal records, with 219,000 individuals incarcerated in some kind of facility in Texas and an additional 437,000 individuals on probation in Texas; and,

WHEREAS, a criminal record holds back individuals from securing housing, employment, education, among other collateral consequences that adversely affect the well-being of individuals, their families, and future generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month recognizes and honors the work of communities, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, congregations, employers, and individuals to remove unnecessary legal and societal barriers that prevent individuals with a criminal record from successfully reentering their communities; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso County's Reentry Support Services Unit encourages efforts to remove barriers to successful reentry, promote fair hiring practices, and provide access to resources and support services that empower individuals to rebuild their lives, contribute positively to our community, and participate in our democracy as fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso County affirms its commitment to fostering a society that values forgiveness, rehabilitation, and second chances for those who have made mistakes; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso County calls to observe Second Chance Month to raise awareness about the importance of providing individuals with opportunities for redemption and rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court officially recognizes April 2025 as Second Chance Month in El Paso County, Texas, with the aim to keep families together, build stronger and safer communities, and reduce rates of recidivism.

SIGNED, this 7th Day of April 2025

Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego