



Proclamation

REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH

July 2020

WHEREAS, More than 2.6 million Georgians have criminal records on file with the Georgia Crime Information Center, with as many as one in four Georgians facing collateral consequences of their incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Returning to the community after incarceration is a difficult transition, and an effective reentry process is important to providing those in Georgia's corrections system with renewed opportunities for success; and

WHEREAS, Reentry, when fully implemented, empowers returning citizens to refrain from crime and incentivizes law-abiding behavior; and

WHEREAS, Supporting and bringing awareness to reentry will bring restoration to families, build stronger communities, and eliminate the obstacles that prevent returning citizens from finding meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, By eliminating the stigmas associated with criminal records and promoting compassion and kindness, we can help returning citizens strive for brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County has become a model for providing housing and services that help individuals transition back into society after being incarcerated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlotte J. Nash, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize July 2020 as Reentry Awareness Month in Gwinnett.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2020