

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Rep. Aiyash 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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