



# *Proclamation*

*On a motion from Councilor Alan Mitchell  
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize*

## Soteria Community Development Corporation and Second Chance Month

**Whereas**, Soteria Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that plays a critical role in providing resources that are important to a successful transition back into the community for formerly incarcerated persons; it is dedicated to raising awareness of the challenges faced by those individuals and the need for second chances; and

**Whereas**, April marks Second Chance Month, affirming the importance of helping individuals re-enter the community after incarceration; more formerly incarcerated people return to Greenville County than any other county in South Carolina; and

**Whereas**, after incarceration, many people face social stigmas and legal restrictions to securing housing, education and employment opportunities which can serve as barriers to rebuilding full and productive lives; having support from an organization that offers a holistic approach for the transition back into society helps in navigating and successfully overcoming those barriers; and

**Whereas**, collaborative efforts with state and local organizations focused on eliminating obstacles that prevent citizens returning to society from pursuing a productive life is vital to success and reduced recidivism; continuing to focus on re-entry and social support, an individual impacted by incarceration will have renewed hope.

**Now, Therefore**, Greenville County Council does recognize the efforts of Soteria Community Development Corporation and the need to create a less restrictive pathway for people returning to the community after incarceration and hereby proclaims April 2023 as

## Second Chance Month in Greenville County

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
Greenville County Council