

## **Title: Resolution to Address and Break the Cycle of Incarceration in the State of Georgia**

**Whereas**, There is a pressing need to reduce recidivism and ensure the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals into society;

**Whereas**, Mental health challenges among incarcerated individuals, if unaddressed, contribute significantly to reoffending;

**Whereas**, The transition from incarceration to community life can be facilitated through comprehensive reentry programs, housing assistance, job placement, and other social services;

**Whereas**, Substance abuse treatment focused on recovery, rather than punitive measures, offers a more sustainable solution to break the cycle of repeated offenses;

**Whereas**, The stigma associated with being an ex-convict hampers community reintegration and can be addressed through community involvement and public education;

### **Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that:**

1. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers recognizes the urgent need to address the cycle of incarceration, emphasizing enhanced mental health services to reduce the likelihood of reoffending.
2. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers acknowledges the importance of reentry programs, supporting initiatives for housing assistance, job placement, and other essential social services.
3. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers champions a shift from punitive measures to recovery-focused substance abuse treatment.
4. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers promotes community integration efforts, urging local communities to support former inmates in reintegration.
5. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers pledges to invest adequately in these programs and initiatives, ensuring their effective implementation and sustainability.
6. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers commits to annual reviews of the outcomes of this Act, reporting to the state legislature on key performance indicators.
7. The Contract with Black Georgia Signers adheres to evidence-based practices in all proposed measures, as the referenced research supports.