WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Second Chance Act is to help states and communities alleviate crowding in their jails and prisons by reducing recidivism through an improved reentry process; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides grants to state and local governments that may be used to promote the safe and successful reintegration of individuals who have been incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides grants to nonprofit organizations that may be used for mentoring of adult offenders or providing transitional services for reintegration; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides grants to states for reentry research; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides funding for programs under the workplace and community transition training for the Incarcerated Youth Offenders Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act creates an interagency task force to identify existing reentry resources, develop interagency initiatives and a national reentry research agenda, and report recommendations to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a national resource center to collect and disseminate best practices and provides training and support pertaining to reentry; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association (ACA) supports the Second Chance Act, which helps state and local governments reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and respond better to the growing numbers of people released from prison and jail returning to the communities; and now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ACA supports the full funding of provisions of the Second Chance Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ACA supports the reallocation of all funds that may revert to the treasury from state and local correctional programs for the purpose of funding other correctional programs, particularly those programs authorized by the Second Chance Act.
This resolution was adopted by the American Correctional Association Delegate Assembly at the Winter Conference in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 24, 2007. It was last reviewed, amended and reaffirmed at the 2013 Winter Conference in Houston, TX.