

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's economic future and ability to compete in a global market depend on the availability of a qualified and skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation face an ever-changing marketplace that demands highly trained and committed professionals at all levels who understand the needs of our complex economy; and

WHEREAS, the strength of North Carolina's workforce is one of the most important factors affecting the decisions of businesses to locate or expand in our state; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals help North Carolinians obtain good jobs and become successful, productive workers, and help North Carolina businesses find new employees, train the employees they have, and develop strong talent pipelines; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals help to connect job seekers, employees, and employers to important information, resources, and services; and

WHEREAS, the NC Job Ready initiative invests in workforce development and job training to help North Carolinians get good-paying jobs to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, in a time of low unemployment, it is critical to promote skills and education attainment so North Carolinians are ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow; to support employer leadership to remain relevant to evolving industry needs; and to advance local innovation to the statewide level; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals serve within NCWorks, North Carolina's workforce development system, as well as within the North Carolina Department of Commerce, state government, local Workforce Development Boards, community colleges, public schools, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the expertise and leadership of workforce development professionals strengthen our economy, education, and efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its

observance to all citizens

Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.