

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is important to the State of North Carolina that all residents are adequately prepared for future career opportunities amidst a changing global 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, as North Carolina recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, workforce development professionals are delivering many services in new, virtual ways, while playing key roles in getting North Carolinians back to work and into career training; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals promote the upskilling and reskilling of North Carolina workers so that they can fill jobs that are currently in-demand in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the NC Job Ready initiative invests in workforce development, skills and education attainment, employer leadership, and local innovation; and

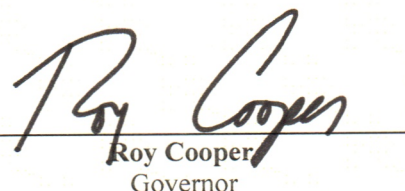
WHEREAS, workforce development professionals are essential partners in the effort to achieve our state's educational attainment goal; that by 2030, 2 million North Carolinians between the ages of 25 and 44 years old will have a postsecondary degree or credential; and

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 North Carolina's economy, education, and efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2020, as "**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

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