



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Investing in the education, training, and career advancement of Minnesota's workforce is crucial to our state's ability to compete in the global economy and achieve economic equity; and

WHEREAS: Welcoming all people in Minnesota into the labor force in a meaningful way is critical to the strength of Minnesota's employers and workers; and

WHEREAS: Shifts and growth in our state demographics mean Minnesota's industries must align to create an inclusive labor force where all are welcome; and

WHEREAS: Aligning our workforce development systems to meet the demands of our modern economy will help reduce employment and economic disparities based on race, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, veteran status, national origin, or justice-system involvement; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota employers in manufacturing, health care, and every other industry need workers with in-demand skills to properly serve our communities, grow successful businesses, and compete in local and global economies; and

WHEREAS: Collaboration among all members of Minnesota's workforce development system – including industry partners, workforce development entities, education, labor, and community-based organizations – is critical to align, prepare, and support an equitable and inclusive workforce that meets the needs of our labor market; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development partners with CareerForce to help job seekers identify their interests and skills to develop a strong job search strategy that leads to fulfilling employment; and

WHEREAS: CareerForce helps Minnesota employers find job candidates with the right skills and interest for their open positions so they can hire the talent needed to grow their business and retain engaged employees that help our communities thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as:

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of August.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE