

## STATE OF MISSOURI Proclamation BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Missouri's continued efforts to reduce barriers to employment and expand employment services and training opportunities allow Missourians to thrive in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, through collaboration among state agencies and employers, the state's apprenticeship growth and participation remain among the top in the United States, providing more workers an avenue to earn while they learn; and

WHEREAS, employment services for those who have served in the United States military are paramount in providing veterans fulfilling opportunities while also reinforcing the workforce with strong leadership, collaboration, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, investing in the state's youth by developing programs and training opportunities helps them make informed decisions about future education and career pathways that align with their aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Missouri provides innovative, targeted training, education, and networking opportunities to justiceinvolved individuals to help them secure meaningful employment as they prepare for release; and

WHEREAS, preserving initiatives and programs that assist adult learners in rekindling their drive for a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential will also preserve a strong state workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS, employers have access to free resources that connect them with skilled job seekers to help ensure their workforce is robust and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, higher education institutions, Missouri Job Centers, workforce boards, employers, and organizations working together in their regions builds a stronger Missouri workforce as a whole and establish a labor force that is armed with the education and training that businesses desire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2025 to be

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of September 2025.



GOVERNOR