



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Missouri Job Centers, workforce development boards, educational institutions, employers, and community organizations continue to collaborate to strengthen career pathways and ensure that individuals and businesses have the tools they need to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, strong alliances among Missouri's workforce partners strengthen the state's apprenticeship system and support the expansion of earn-while-you-learn models that benefit both workers and employers; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has established a new goal of reaching 100,000 new apprentices by September 2027, reflecting a strong commitment to developing a skilled and resilient talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, continued investment in Missouri's youth remains a priority, including support for the Career Opportunity Training for Youth program, which equips young people with professional certificates, valuable, work-ready skills, and workplace experience; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the federal Workforce Pell program expands access to financial assistance for short-term, high-quality training programs, helping more Missourians gain the skills and credentials needed to succeed in the modern labor market; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is actively working to expand its AI talent pipeline, increasing opportunities for individuals to pursue training and education in artificial intelligence and related technologies, while supporting employers in preparing their workforce for emerging industry needs; and

WHEREAS, Missouri continues to advance efforts to reduce barriers to employment and expand access to training, education, and workforce services so that individuals throughout the state can pursue meaningful and rewarding careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2026, 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 21st day of August 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE