

Sample Proclamation for National Workforce Development Month

September 2023

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN THE CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN OF [INSERT NAME] AND RECOGNIZING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORTING LOCAL WORKERS AND GROWING THE ECONOMY.

- Whereas,** according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in August 2023 there were approximately 6.4 million people unemployed;
- Whereas,** the Bureau of Labor Statistics August report also stated that notable job gains were in the healthcare, leisure and hospitality, social assistance and construction sectors while employment in transportation and warehousing sectors are declining;
- Whereas,** successful implementation of the once in a generation federal infrastructure funding provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act and Inflation Reduction Act hinges on the nation’s ability to have a qualified workforce;
- Whereas,** the National League of Cities (NLC) has reported that infrastructure jobs have been particularly difficult to fill, with the median infrastructure job taking 20% longer to fill than a non-infrastructure job;
- Whereas,** collaboration among the federal, state, and local government leaders along with state and local education, workforce, human service agencies, community colleges, local businesses, employment service providers, community-based organizations, and workforce development boards must take place to achieve long-term, sustainable, and successful workforce development across traditional sectors, high-need sectors and emerging industries;
- Whereas,** for nearly twenty years, Congress has cut investments in critical workforce programs; and
- Whereas,** workforce development is crucial to sustaining economic security for workers in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I **Mayor/Councilmember [insert name]** of the **City/Town/Village of [insert name]** declare this month of September, as National Workforce Development Month and encourage residents to join in recognizing the contributions of the local workforce and that workforce development plays a crucial role in supporting workers and growing the local economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **City/Town/Village of [insert name]** calls on Congress to pass legislation that funds workforce programs that meet the scale and needs across our country to ensure investments into the training, education and skills development of the American workforce so that federal infrastructure funding provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act and Inflation Reduction Act other federal investments and local industry needs can be successfully implemented and addressed.