



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the pandemic has been difficult for Coloradans and the Workforce System remains committed to the Colorado Comeback, addressing economic recovery efforts in ways that cut through red tape and take a local approach to building stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, workforce development services for workers, employers, and communities are and will continue to be critical as the economy recovers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as they re-enter the workforce, Colorado workers can benefit by visiting one of the state's 52 Workforce Centers, which provide a wide variety of no-cost workforce programs to support individuals advance their careers; and

WHEREAS, as emerging technology, automation, artificial intelligence, and globalization continue to change where and how we work, it is paramount to develop the current and future workforce essential to Colorado's economic future. By connecting Coloradans with employment and educational opportunities, these Workforce Centers ensure future economic prosperity for all; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's employers will also need support as they emerge from the pandemic; they too can benefit from federal and state stimulus funding by partnering with their local Workforce Center, who can help them grow their talent pipeline and strengthen industries, expand apprenticeship programs, and more, propelling the state's economic recovery through job creation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that many workers from marginalized communities with low incomes face a high barrier to employment, investment in workforce services is essential. Workers with disabilities and those displaced by foreign trade and automation require customized workforce solutions tailored to their unique needs; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Workforce System and the hundreds of Colorado Workforce Development professionals are committed to promoting innovative technologies to provide greater outreach and service to job seekers and employers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of workforce development, I have signed 53 bills to support Colorado's recovery as part of its Colorado Comeback, helping hardworking families build back stronger;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in the state of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of September, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor