



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida's freedom first approach has resulted in the state's unemployment rate remaining consistently lower than the nation and the growth of the state's labor force continuing to outpace the nation; and

WHEREAS, my administration remains committed to investing in education and infrastructure to keep the state's economy and workforce strong and to make Florida the best state in the nation for workforce education by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Florida's workforce development system consists of dedicated professionals who assist hundreds of thousands of Floridians and businesses by providing exceptional service, resources, and career development opportunities, helping employers find qualified, skilled talent to meet our state's evolving workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the state's comprehensive workforce development system includes the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida Department of Education, Enterprise Florida, Inc., CareerSource Florida, and the state's 24 local workforce development boards and 100 career centers, as well as Florida's universities, state colleges, and technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help is addressing the evolving needs of Florida's economy by increasing the level of collaboration and cooperation across state agencies, businesses, and education communities; and

WHEREAS, the Get There Faster Florida initiative is helping set a goal to make Florida the best state in the nation to get an education and has made workforce development a key component of that ambition, partnering with the state's 48 technical colleges and 28 state colleges to set up rapid credentialing programs that can be completed in 20 weeks or less; and

WHEREAS, Florida has awarded over 318,000 rapid credentials through Florida College System programs and school district postsecondary training programs including career certificates, industry certifications, applied technology diplomas and college credit certificates; and

WHEREAS, CareerSource Florida targets upskilling for military veterans and Floridians seeking self-sufficiency and expands support for the creation of high-skill, high-wage jobs in Florida's vital aviation, aerospace, and defense industries; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development Month in Florida is a time to show gratitude to all workforce professionals, agencies, and organizations who have helped thousands of Floridians with career training and reemployment services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2022 as *Workforce Development Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor