

NATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, National Workforce Development Month was created in 2005 and is recognized annually in September; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Congress reauthorized the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) with overwhelming bipartisan support in recognition of the need to strengthen the focus of the United States on the skills necessary to effectively prepare individuals for employment in local and regional industries; and

WHEREAS, investment in the education, training, and career advancement of the workforce in Pinellas County, known as “workforce development”, is crucial to the ability of Pinellas County to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among state and local governments, educational institutions, workforce and human services agencies, community colleges and training providers, local businesses, employment service providers, community-based organizations, and workforce development boards, provides for long-term, sustainable, and successful workforce development across traditional sectors and emerging industries; and

WHEREAS, workforce development is crucial to sustaining economic security for workers in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County recognizes that the workforce system and partner programs— (1) have helped build the economy of Pinellas County and provide increased economic opportunities; and (2) provide a pathway into 21st century jobs that support families while ensuring that businesses find the skilled workforce needed to compete in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that September 2026, be recognized as,

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed hereto on this **XXth** day of September 2026.