

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming September 2025 as Workforce Development Professionals Month

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) recognizes September as *Workforce Development Professionals Month* nationally. The Olympic Workforce Development Council reviewed this initiative and supports bringing forward county-level proclamations to highlight the contributions of local workforce development staff.

The Olympic Workforce Development Council requests the Board of County Commissioners to approve a proclamation approving September as Workforce Development Professionals Month. This proclamation honors the vital role workforce professionals play in supporting businesses, job seekers, and youth across our region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

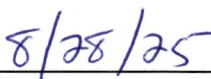
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the month of September 2025 as Workforce Development Professionals Month.

REVIEWED BY:



Josh D. Peters, County Administrator



Date

PROCLAMATION

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS' MONTH

WHEREAS, the ability for businesses and industries throughout the Olympic Region and its surrounding communities to maintain a competitive edge in the global economy hinges on the availability and quality of a skilled workforce and robust talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and understand the evolving complexities in today's economic reality, and to act according to new demands facing employees and employers at every level; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the workforce system and businesses, educational institutions, and private-public partners is critical to effectively align training and workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to eliminate economic and employment disparities based on race, disability, veteran status, or past criminal records by bringing all residents in need of sustainable employment into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, employers depend on the workforce system to help them recruit and retain competitive and skilled workers, and continue to upgrade transferable skillsets of their incumbent employees; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic Region's workforce system remains committed to customer-focused and community-oriented services with a firm pledge to prioritize equity at the center of all of its work:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Commissioners of Jefferson County, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as;

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Commissioners encourage all citizens to join in recognizing Workforce Development Professionals for their efforts.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of September, 2025.

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SEAL:

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

ATTEST:

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Greg Brotherton, Member