

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Kate Dean, Commissioner

DATE: September 5, 2023

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Workforce Development Professionals Month,
September 2023; Olympic Workforce Development Council

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Workforce development professionals work in our region to get people back to work. This is essential for a healthy workforce to support local businesses and institutions, and it is essential to help meet the individual needs people who have barriers to working. These include people whose industries have a declining workforce and need new skills, helping people find assistance to address behavioral health issues, providing financial support for transportation to new jobs and more. Workforce development is no longer simply connecting unemployed people with open positions; it requires compassionate, skilled professionals to identify individual needs and customize a plan for helping them achieve a productive life. This proclamation recognizes the hard work that workforce development professionals provide in our region, which contributes to a vibrant society for us all. This includes the staff of the Kitsap County Human Services Department who administer the regional effort, and the myriad partners who perform workforce development functions for the Olympic Workforce Development Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to approving this proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Read and sign the attached proclamation.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

8/31/23
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 transferrable 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 prioritizing equity at the center of all of its work:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Commissioners of Jefferson County, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as:

“WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH”
and do commend this observance to all residents.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of September, 2023.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Greg Brotherton, Chair

ATTEST:

Heidi Eisenhour, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Clerk of the Board

Kate Dean, Member