



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, preparing every Alabamian to enter an in-demand occupation is vital to sustaining Alabama's economic growth and prosperity;

WHEREAS, Alabama is aligning education and workforce development programs to provide in-demand career pathways for Alabamians throughout all phases of life;

WHEREAS, as part of the Strong Start, Strong Finish Initiative, Governor Ivey set a postsecondary education attainment goal of adding 500,000 highly-skilled employees to Alabama's workforce by 2025 through the Success Plus plan, which will equate to approximately 60 percent of Alabamians holding post-secondary credentials, degrees, and certificates of value;

WHEREAS, Alabama's attainment efforts are focused on high school students; out-of-school youth; post-secondary students; adult learners; veterans; individuals in the corrections system; and populations with significant barriers to post-secondary educational attainment opportunities;

WHEREAS, meeting Alabama's postsecondary education attainment goal will require braiding federal funding streams, implementing data-driven decision-making processes, and enhancing access to apprenticeships;

WHEREAS, Alabama has made tremendous progress towards aligning education and workforce efforts in the past year;

WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship was approved as Alabama's state apprenticeship agency in March 2020 to expand all forms of work-based learning in Alabama; the Alabama 2020 Combined WIOA Plan was approved in June 2020 that connects education and workforce training providers; and Alabama received a State Longitudinal Database System (SLDS) grant in January 2020 to complete the work of establishing Alabama's integrated education and workforce database; and

WHEREAS, achieving Alabama's workforce goals will require the support and hard work of every Alabamian;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 1-20, 2020 as

Workforce Development Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage citizens, educators, workforce development professionals, and business and industry statewide to participate in activities that demonstrate the importance of workforce development in Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of September 2020.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor