Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, under my leadership, Alabama has made workforce development a top priority, earning national recognition as a top state for doing business and ranking among the best in customized workforce training, automotive strength and manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Alabama has significantly invested in workforce development, fueling industry growth and record-high employment, while Career Centers have served over 11,000 employers, 67,000 jobseekers and 2,900 veterans through AlabamaWorks!; and

WHEREAS, Alabama leads the nation in reducing unemployment benefit durations, has expanded apprenticeships with 668 new participating employers and continues to strengthen partnerships with leading industries such as Mercedes Benz, Southland Transportation and Sonoco; and

WHEREAS, the state has advanced work-based learning, recognized 77 best practices, and added more than 15,000 jobs in the past year across key industries including education, health services, leisure and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the Success+ Initiative has added more than 223,000 first-time credential earners in just four years; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's progress reflects strong collaboration among state agencies, educational institutions, business leaders, and workforce partners, demonstrating a united commitment to preparing Alabamians for long-term success; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development Month provides an opportunity to highlight the achievements of all who are advancing Alabama's workforce and securing the state's economic future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2025, as

Workforce Development Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage all Alabamians to recognize and support the continued advancement of workforce development efforts across our great state.

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 25th day of September 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor