

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State recognizes that our state and nation's economy is built upon the strength, perseverance, and resourcefulness of a diverse workforce that reflects our communities, furthering our reputation of global economic leadership; and

Whereas, New York State workers, businesses, and communities are facing unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the ingenuity, resilience, and resolve of New Yorkers will drive New York State's economic and community recovery just as New Yorkers have driven our historic response to the public health emergency; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are determined to build back better and ensure the post-COVID economy is more resilient, inclusive, and empowering for all of our residents, including New Yorkers who are unemployed, low-income, homeless, veterans, disabled, or formerly involved with the justice system; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers deserve access to career training resources and economic opportunities that will improve their quality of life; and

Whereas, New York State has taken a leading role to expand opportunities for New Yorkers through the creation of the historic Workforce Development Initiative to provide in-demand employment skills and training, unprecedented efforts to improve access to education for all New Yorkers, and the establishment of an Executive Office of Workforce Development – which will help New Yorkers find fulfillment as part of the workforce and keep our momentum moving forward as we continue to build a more robust and resilient economy in our state; and

Whereas, during this week, New Yorkers are encouraged to learn more about our state's job training and higher education strategies that will help meet businesses' short-term workforce needs, long-term industry needs, improve regional talent pipelines, enhance the flexibility and adaptability of local workforce entities, and expand workplace learning opportunities for the diverse cross-section of people who remain the bedrock of our state and nation's workforce;

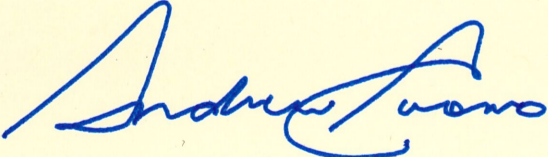
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 28 - October 4, 2020 as

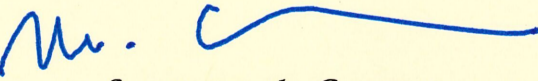
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS WEEK

in the Empire State.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-third day of September in the year two thousand twenty.




Governor


Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa