



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, private sector employment in New York State reached historically high levels in 2019, with more than one million new private sector jobs being created since 2011; and

Whereas, this healthy rate of job growth is expected to continue, with annual projections of more than 360,000 new job openings in the coming years in New York State; and

Whereas, employers across New York State – from private sector companies, to start-ups, to nonprofits, to organized labor, and government entities – increasingly look to skilled worker availability as a prioritized interest for ensuring continued economic growth; and

Whereas, certain populations of New Yorkers continue to face persistent social, economic, health, and educational barriers, including New Yorkers who are low-income, homeless, veterans, disabled, or formerly involved with the justice system, and all New Yorkers deserve access to resources to obtain gainful employment that will improve their quality of life; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are known for their ingenuity and vast abilities, and continually seek enhanced economic opportunities for themselves, their families, and their communities through employment; and our state is committed to investing in the training, technology, and support that will create positive outcomes for individuals and families; and

Whereas, New York State has taken a leading role to expand opportunities for New Yorkers through the creation of a new \$175 million Workforce Development Initiative to provide in-demand employment skills and training, the launch of a nation-leading Offshore Wind Training Institute and the establishment of a new 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 workforce development 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 22 - 29, 2019 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 seventeenth day of September in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa