STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma's world-class workforce is our greatest asset, supporting the success of our businesses, industries, and communities, and

Whereas, Oklahoma's workforce development system is efficient and innovative, aiming to effectively help workers find wealth generating and sustaining careers, earn transferable skills and recognized credentials, and assist businesses to recruit, hire, and retain skilled workers; and

Whereas, Workforce Development Month is an opportunity to collaboratively address Oklahoma's workforce system which spans multiple state agencies and programs, differentiated in function but united in purpose; and

Whereas, the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development and six local workforce development boards provide strategic leadership to identify regional workforce challenges and convene stakeholders to develop and deploy solutions; and

Whereas, a network of more than 30 Oklahoma Works American Job Centers across the state provide a wide variety of workforce programs to support individuals on their path to employment and help businesses find the talent they need; and

Whereas, Workforce Development Month in Oklahoma is a time to show appreciation for all the workforce professionals, agencies, and organizations who have helped thousands of Oklahomans find gainful employment and are setting the stage for our economy's continued success;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

"Workforce Development Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this Seventeenth *day of* August, *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* twenty-three *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* One-hundred and fifteenth *year.*

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR