



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to nearly 161,000 businesses that employ 2.77 million people in diverse industries such as health care, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, professional and business services, agriculture, and other sectors; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to building an economy that works for all Minnesotans and to ensuring businesses have the skilled workforce and talent pipeline they need to thrive; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota will invest more than \$111.7 million in workforce development in Fiscal Year 2017, which includes \$35 million dedicated to improving opportunities for Minnesotans of color; and
- WHEREAS: Workforce development encompasses a broad range of programs, services, and resources for job seekers and employers. For example, MinnesotaWorks.net is a no-fee online job bank where, in 2015, employers posted 800,000 jobs and job seekers conducted 4 million searches; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota operates 48 WorkForce Centers across the state staffed by knowledgeable professionals who help people develop career plans and find jobs. More than 90,000 job seekers visited a WorkForce Center in 2015, and close to 88,000 accessed service online. Within 90 days of the last service job seekers received, 116,000 found a job; and
- WHEREAS: For employers, the State of Minnesota provides a network of business service representatives (BSRs) who specialize in helping businesses find and retain qualified employees, conducting more than 500 business consultations each month and facilitating job fairs, recruitment events, and employer workshops; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota also supports a wide range of training and apprenticeship programs to ensure businesses have the workforce they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as:

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE