

Workforce Development Month – September 2025

WHEREAS, September 2025 marks the 20th anniversary of **Workforce Development Month**, a nationwide observance established by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals to recognize and celebrate the vital role of workforce development in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this month serves as a powerful reminder that a skilled, well-trained workforce is essential to the economic vitality and resilience of Napa County; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and local workforce development systems – including the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay, Health and Human Services Agency, and other key partners of the America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) – play a crucial role by linking job seekers with employers to create high-quality employment opportunities within the Napa County community; and

WHEREAS, Napa County remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting youth, adults, veterans, individuals impacted by layoffs, and those facing barriers to employment as they gain skills, explore career pathways, and contribute to the economic and social strength of our community; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, workforce programs are essential in supporting job seekers and businesses navigate economic uncertainty, enhance skills that lead to meaningful careers, and seize opportunities that promote individual well-being, business success, and long-term economic growth in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, throughout California and across the nation, Workforce Development Month honors the contributions of workforce professionals and highlights the programs that empower individuals and the employers who work in partnership with our AJCC partners to strengthen our Napa County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 9th day of September 2025, proudly recognizes **September 2025** as **Workforce Development Month** in Napa County and encourages all residents, employers, and community stakeholders to join in celebrating the value and impact of workforce development efforts throughout our region.

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