



SPECIAL RECOGNITION HONORING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS' MONTH

WHEREAS, Workforce Development Professionals Month was created in 2005 by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to raise awareness about the importance of the industry to a growing national economy; and

WHEREAS, the complexity and fast-paced changes in our economy and labor markets puts new demands on individuals and employers at all levels; and

WHEREAS, employers depend on professional services to help them recruit and retain a competitive workforce and continually upgrade the skill sets of their employees; and

WHEREAS, Lake County Workforce Development is a leader in implementing change, and through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act they've partnered with government agencies, businesses, training and education facilities, and community-based organizations, to develop comprehensive workforce solutions for communities; and

WHEREAS, Lake County Workforce Development has been instrumental in creating a system that successfully delivers programs and services which provide greater access to training, education, and jobs for the underserved. Industries have greater access to talent, small businesses have access to more candidates and employee re-training, while partners and stakeholders have access to professional workforce development services for customers and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that September 2023 is Workforce Development Professionals Month in Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that this County Board thanks Lake County's Workforce Development department for all of their efforts and joins the NAWDP in honoring all Workforce Development organizations and partnerships who play such as vital role in our economy.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on September 12, 2023.

Sandy Hart, Chair
Lake County Board, District 13

