



September 1, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROCLAMATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AS NATIONAL
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN KERN COUNTY
(Fiscal Impact: None)**

The purpose of this letter is to request that your Board proclaim the month of September 2026 as National Workforce Development Month in Kern County.

National Workforce Development Month is a celebration that recognizes, honors, and publicizes the contributions of our Nation's workforce professionals. The month highlights workforce development and job training programs that are funded through congress and the importance of federal investments in workforce development that provides training, education and upskilling opportunities for workers that helps them thrive while making businesses profitable and meeting their hiring demands to build and sustain the ecosystem necessary to keep our economy growing.

Employers' Training Resource, a proud partner of America's Job Center of California (AJCC) works with multiple community partners that focus on creating employment opportunities and quality jobs that pay a family a sustaining wage. AJCC one-stop centers connect residents with appropriate programs and services to assist them in obtaining education, training and employment to support them in their goals to self-sufficiency. Centers also offer employer recruitments, job fairs, resource rooms, job search and resume workshops, work experience and training opportunities, and individualized staff assistance to connect qualified job candidates with employers. We proudly partner with local employers to create strong workforce pathways, including paid work experience and on-the-job training opportunities that align real-world industry needs with meaningful career advancement for Kern County residents.

Employers' Training Resource also partners with local trade unions that offer apprenticeship programs to boost vocational education, workforce training, and job creation. The apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs help enhance economic vitality and create a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers, therefore attracting more businesses to Kern County.

Our workforce development system provides services to individuals with disabilities, veterans, long-term unemployed, migrant seasonal farmworkers, low-income Americans, justice-involved, and anyone with barriers to employment to help them achieve career success.

In recognition of National Workforce Development Month, I respectfully request that your Board proclaim the month of September 2026 as National Workforce Development Month in Kern County. This proclamation will help raise the public's awareness of our local workforce development, training programs, and services for local employers offered by Employers' Training Resource.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board proclaim the month of September 2026 as the National Workforce Development Month in Kern County.

Sincerely,



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cc: County Administrative Office