

# Proclamation



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2022

**WHEREAS**, the ability for businesses and industries throughout Washington, DC and its surrounding region to maintain a competitive edge in the global economy hinges on the availability and quality of a skilled workforce and robust talent pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize and understand the evolving complexities in today's economic reality, and to act according to new demands facing employees and employers at every level; and

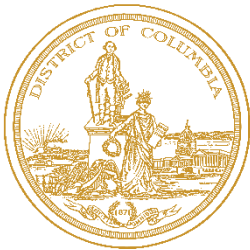
**WHEREAS**, collaboration between the workforce system and businesses, educational institutions, and private-public partners is critical to effectively align training and workforce needs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to eliminate economic and employment disparities based on race, disability, veteran status, or past criminal records by bringing all residents in need of sustainable employment into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, employers depend on the workforce system to help them recruit and retain competitive and skilled workers, and continue to upgrade transferrable skillsets of their incumbent employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia's workforce system remains committed to customer-focused and community-oriented services with a firm pledge to prioritizing equity at the center of all of its work:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH" and do commend this observance to all Washingtonians.**



A handwritten signature of Muriel Bowser in black ink, written over a horizontal line.