

**Item Title:** Proclaim September as Workforce Development Month

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners proclaim September as Workforce Development Month in Wake County.**

**Item Summary:**

While the countywide unemployment rate is 3%, unemployment rates within the East Central and Eastern Wake Human Services Zones are as high as 11% with 18% of Wake County's 27,720 residents living in East Central and Eastern Wake County experiencing unemployment. Social and Economic Vitality Action Teams are working to connect residents to the workforce development resources available to them in hopes of increasing families' self-sufficiency and creating prosperous economic futures.

**Schedule of Activities**

- 1) All Human Services Regional facilities have been asked to put emphasis on the operations of the Career Centers during the month of September.
- 2) **Week One:** Crosby Workforce Development Event September 5<sup>th</sup> Crosby Garfield Center (SE Raleigh); and supporting Jobs for Life Labor Day for Dignity event (September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM Brier Creek)
- 3) **Week Two:** Hiring Event spotlighting and resourcing a hiring event at Swinburne to lift up opportunities in traditional and trade work (September 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM-12:30PM). Workforce Development Skills Workshop and Hiring Resources (September 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM-8PM Carver Center for Eternal Hope, Wendell)
- 4) **Week Three:** The Crosby Advocacy Group Meeting will focus on workforce development trends and feature workforce development partner presentations from Capital Area Workforce Development and Wake Tech (September 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM Crosby Garfield Center). The "We Are Wake Toastmasters Club" will have a themed meeting for which the topics will focus on workforce development (September 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30PM Wake County Public Safety Center). In partnership with the City of Raleigh we are supporting a Pathways to Public Service resource and hiring event (September 20<sup>th</sup> 3PM-6PM) and supporting Black Entrepreneurship Week with our Carolina Small Business Development partners (September 16-20; SEV supporting sponsor of the Bootcamp and Pitch competition <https://www.iecnc.com/bew2019agenda>). Lastly, we are hosting a Raise the Age Forum and Resource Fair (September 21<sup>st</sup> South Central Church of Christ 9:30AM-12NOON).
- 5) **Week Four:** Will focus on Youth Development with a Wake Tech sponsored event targeting SE Raleigh High School, Broughton, Raleigh Charter and potentially Mary E. Phillips. (September 24) and support the JFL Dignity of Work Seminar (September 26<sup>th</sup> 12PM-1:30PM Providence Baptist Church).

**Attachments:**

1. Proclamation