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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 2020 as "Workforce Development Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Center for Workforce  
4 Information and Analysis, Pennsylvania's labor force consists of  
5 over 6.4 million workers; and

6 WHEREAS, In light of the economic impact of COVID-19,  
7 Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for July 2020 was 13.7%; and

8 WHEREAS, Workforce development, while always the backbone of  
9 Pennsylvania's economic development, is now a critical component  
10 to Pennsylvania's economic recovery by helping Pennsylvanians  
11 find family-sustaining jobs, supporting local employers in their  
12 talent management needs and strengthening regional economies;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has diverse and competitive industry  
15 sectors in fields such as advanced manufacturing, health care,  
16 energy, financial and business services, information technology,  
17 logistics and transportation, building and construction and

1 others; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the United States Bureau of Labor  
3 Statistics, there are three unemployed persons per one job  
4 opening; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania employers must tap into a pipeline and  
6 an emerging workforce to operate competitively; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's skill gap still remains because  
8 employers report that 60% of job openings will require a post-  
9 secondary education by 2025 and only 50.3% of Pennsylvanians  
10 possess this credential or higher; and

11 WHEREAS, Sustained investment in workforce development is  
12 crucial to the ability of Pennsylvania to compete in the global  
13 economy and for Pennsylvanians to stay qualified for the good-  
14 paying jobs of today and the future; and

15 WHEREAS, Collaboration among the Governor, local governments,  
16 State and local education, training, workforce development,  
17 human services agencies, community colleges, local businesses,  
18 employment-service providers, community-based organizations,  
19 labor unions and local workforce development boards provides for  
20 long-term, sustainable and successful workforce and an  
21 economically healthy Pennsylvania; and

22 WHEREAS, The 22 local workforce development boards, over 50  
23 PA CareerLink centers and the thousands of workforce development  
24 system partners are a driving force to employment and  
25 reemployment pathways by providing career readiness training and  
26 assistance; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
28 2020 as "Workforce Development Month" in Pennsylvania.