

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OREGON**



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The first Monday in September is Labor Day, a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American Workers; and
- WHEREAS:** In order for Oregon businesses to remain competitive in an increasingly global economy we must have an adaptable workforce equipped with the skills employers need; and
- WHEREAS:** My administration is committed to growing Oregon's economy and getting Oregonians back to work by aligning economic development, education, and workforce development; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the local and regional Workforce Investment Boards provide strategic direction, oversight of the workforce development system, and resources to upgrade the skills of workers, job seekers, young people to prepare them for future academic and career success, and to match job seekers with jobs; and
- WHEREAS:** My administration and the Oregon Workforce Investment Board has initiated a statewide branding campaign "WorkSource Oregon" that helps connect job seekers and businesses with essential workforce services; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices has invited eight states to Oregon in September to study Oregon's unique policies and innovations in workforce development as part of their Pathways to Advancement Institute; and
- WHEREAS:** Events and activities will be underway throughout the month of September in all areas of Oregon to showcase the importance of investing in the education and training of Oregonians and Oregon businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the local and regional Workforce Investment Boards want to acknowledge the many public and private job training and workforce development efforts contributing to the health of Oregon's communities, and celebrate our many successes.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 2004 to be

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 30, 2004.




Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor


Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State