

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 24-14

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2024 NATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
MONTH IN DORCHESTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dorchester County is reported as having a labor force of over 84,000 individuals, 10th largest in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Workforce Snapshot Q2 2024 reports there were 430,698 people employed in the Trident Region with an unemployment rate of 3.9%; and

WHEREAS, challenges for potential workforce are exacerbated by barriers to employment including transportation, housing, and childcare; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among the federal, state, and local government leaders along with state and local education, human service agencies, local businesses, employment service providers, community-based organizations, and workforce development boards must take place to achieve long-term, sustainable, and successful workforce development across traditional, high-need sectors and emerging industries; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County recognizes the importance of workforce development in maintaining economic security, the county urges all job seekers to attend the Dorchester Career Fair on September 18th at the Trident Tech, Dorchester Campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, Dorchester County Council hereby proclaims this month of September, "Worktember," as National Workforce Development Month and encourages residents to join in recognizing the contributions of the local workforce and that workforce development plays a crucial role in supporting workers and growing the local economy.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2024.



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