

Proclamation

WHEREAS, opportunities for career exploration allow students to build awareness and interest in future careers, develop a vision and goals for their future, and create education plans in high school and in postsecondary education that aligns with those goals; and
WHEREAS, students who engage in career awareness activities have been shown to benefit by experiencing greater relevance in school, improved interest and motivation in school, and a deeper understanding of the connection between academics, higher education, and their career goals; and
WHEREAS, students who engage in career exploration activities are more likely to complete high school and pursue postsecondary education; and
WHEREAS, students can benefit from meaningful career exploration, skills and training to understand what future employment opportunities exist and clear pathways to attain those future careers; and
WHEREAS, the majority of Arizona jobs require some type of postsecondary education (68%); however just 48% of Arizonans have a degree or credential; and
WHEREAS, Arizona employers are in need of talent to fill immediate and long-term workforce needs; and
WHEREAS, Arizona industry leaders in career development, education, and employers have an opportunity to come together to advance Arizona students' quality of life with career development opportunities to help meet the state's workforce and education attainment goals; and
WHEREAS, many Arizona educators desire a streamlined approach to providing consistent career planning and pathways for their students, in addition to robust connection with Arizona employers; and
WHEREAS, Arizona Coalition for Career Readiness exists to ensure students at all levels have opportunity for career readiness opportunities that are meaningful and relevant.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, September 2023 as

ARIZONA CAREER AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE