

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: in Fayetteville, our economy is strong, and jobs are plentiful. Our economy has made us a magnet for employers but one challenge employers still face is bridging the gap between the skills they need and those they can find, and

WHEREAS: apprenticeships, internships, and work-based learning are proven strategies to close this skills gap. For job seekers, these strategies can forge an alternative pathway to a rewarding career. They can strengthen job seekers' abilities, experience, and confidence and help them succeed in the workplace, and

WHEREAS: the careers of tomorrow require a demand-driven approach to ensure that a talent pipeline of qualified workers is in place. Work-based learning offers mentoring, workplace simulations, and on-the-job training that, when coupled with classroom-based study, provide valuable social and academic benefits for students and prepare them to begin their careers, and

WHEREAS: Fayetteville is committed to creating an inclusive workforce, one in which no one is shut out or left behind, one in which people with disabilities or other employment barriers are achieving meaningful employment, and


WHEREAS: Fayetteville is finding ways to expand apprenticeships in skilled trades and work-based learning opportunities, encourage more diversity in hiring, enhance regional workforce development, and ensure we are developing the labor force that businesses need to make Fayetteville the best place to work, live and play.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim June 10-16, 2018 as

"Workforce Development Week"

in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 11th day of June, 2018.



Mayor

Attest:



Deputy City Clerk

