RESOLUTION NO. R- $^{023-096}$

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH DURING SEPTEMBER 2023

- WHEREAS, the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) has announced September as Workforce Development Month in an ongoing tradition to bring attention to the services provided to our workforce through workforce development centers; and
- WHEREAS, the County's locally-driven workforce ecosystem is business-led, aligned with educators, employers and economic developers to encourage regional workforce development and ensure we are building the labor force that businesses need to make our region thrive; and
- **WHEREAS**, acknowledging that how and where we work is changing Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offers advancements in technology learning resources and workshops at workforce centers in the region and partners with the Colorado Apprenticeship Hub in order to offer additional resources to businesses and jobseekers; and
- WHEREAS, skills-based hiring bridges the gap between the skills employers need and those they can find within the workforce, and Workforce Development Month is an opportunity to recognize that challenge and to work collaboratively to address it; and
- **WHEREAS**, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! as a regional operation has partnered with 1,800 businesses and over 14,000 individuals to provide these and more workforce development services from 2022-2023; and
- **WHEREAS**, the last two years have seen the highest use of the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center with access to in-demand and growing career pathways for finding and recruiting skilled workers; and
- WHEREAS, due to the contributions of Arapahoe/Douglas Works! as a regional workforce development center, since May 2021, Douglas County has seen the lowest percentage of unemployment in the State; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, hereby proclaim that September 2023, shall be commemorated as Workforce Development Month.
- **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 26th day of September 2023, in Douglas County, Colorado.
- THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

