

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

Rep. DeBoer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 2025 as Workforce
2 Development Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In an increasingly technology-driven global economy,
4 a strong and skilled workforce is the foundation of Michigan's
5 competitive edge within the global marketplace; and

6 Whereas, From manufacturing and mobility to information
7 technology, construction, and advanced agriculture, Michigan's
8 evolving economy relies on a dynamic and well-supported workforce
9 to meet the demands of the 21st century; and

10 Whereas, Workforce Development Month recognizes the critical
11 role that education, training, apprenticeships, and career
12 readiness programs play in preparing Michiganders for high-quality,
13 in-demand jobs across the state, and celebrates the importance of
14 workforce development programs and the ways they contribute to the

1 growth of Michigan's residents and economy; and

2 Whereas, Michigan is ranked eighth in the nation for its
3 skilled trades workforce, which is nearly 255,000 strong. It is
4 through the recruiting, training and retention efforts done by
5 programs through career technical education in secondary schools,
6 community colleges, public-private partnerships, and private
7 employers that Michigan's workers are equipped for current and
8 future opportunities; and

9 Whereas, Grand Rapids Community College serves as an excellent
10 example of a regional talent engine that feeds Michigan's robust
11 manufacturing and innovation centers. The college supported over
12 12,000 students in the 2023-2024 academic year alone and offers a
13 wide variety of job training programs; and

14 Whereas, Workforce development is essential not only to the
15 economy but also to ensuring upward mobility and financial
16 independence for individuals and families in every corner of the
17 state; and

18 Whereas, It is appropriate to celebrate the individuals,
19 institutions, and partnerships that work day in and day out to
20 connect people with career pathways, close the talent gap, and
21 strengthen communities throughout Michigan; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this
23 legislative body declare September 2025 as Workforce Development
24 Month in the state of Michigan.