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WHEREAS, Workforce Development plays a critical role in helping to close the productivity gaps with worldwide competitors; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development contributes to social inclusion and preparing the economy for the future; and

WHEREAS, high skilled workers are more flexible, adaptive and innovative, allowing them to cope better with change and implement new systems and technologies to advance business; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development allows California to be the world's economic leader in the 21st century by successfully educating and training our workforce to meet the needs of our businesses; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development plays a key role in assisting those with low skills to move away from low paying jobs by raising their skill levels and their chances of gaining higher paying and more stable, rewarding work; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Workforce Partnership was founded in 1974 to coordinate a comprehensive workforce development system that ensures a skilled, productive workforce to support a healthy economy throughout the San Diego Region; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County is home to many education providers and community partners who contribute to the success of the region's workforce development system; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 San Diegans visited one of the San Diego Workforce

Partnership's One-Stop Career Centers last year to improve their skills through training programs or find meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 businesses hired more than 1,050 student interns through the San Diego Workforce Partnership's b. Smart program to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's business world; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby commends Workforce Development for their important role of workforce development in ensuring that San Diego County's economy remains prosperous and vibrant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of SEPTEMBER 2002 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

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