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## Mayor Robinson presents proclamation to GCE for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

**Pensacola, Fla. (Oct. 6, 2022)** – One of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities is based right here in Northwest Florida. <u>Global Connections to Employment (GCE)</u> kicked off celebrations of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) with a proclamation from Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson.

Approximately 372 Northwest Florida community members who have a disability work for GCE in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties at 16 sites. About 1,427 people work at contract sites in the country.

The essential roles that people with disabilities provide are creating a high demand for talent. This year's NDEAM theme is "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation." Observed annually in October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of America's workers with disabilities, both past and present, to a diverse and inclusive American workforce.

During October, GCE will host events to celebrate teams at work sites across the nation. Locally, picnics and celebrations will be held at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Eglin Air Force Base, and <u>LifeView Group</u>, where GCE employees work.

Based in downtown Pensacola, Florida, Global Connections to Employment (GCE) is a nationwide team providing jobs and training for people with significant disabilities, including war-wounded veterans. GCE is one of the nation's largest nonprofit agencies under the AbilityOne® program, with many awards for service excellence. GCE empowers team members and helps match them to fulfilling careers in food services, facilities maintenance, custodial services, business support and information technology services.

## Photo captions

David Stafford, Escambia County supervisor of elections and chair of the board of directors for Global Connections to Employment, accepts a proclamation from Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson, kicking off National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson presents a proclamation celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) to team members from Global Connections to Employment (GCE).

**About Global Connections to Employment** 

Global Connections to Employment (GCE) is a nationwide team providing jobs for people with significant disabilities, including our war-wounded veterans. Since its establishment in 1986, GCE has helped match team members to fulfilling careers, from custodial services to facilities maintenance and food services, plus other business lines in between. Working with customers from the U.S. military, commercial business and community partners – as well as federal, state and local governments – GCE is one of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities. Learn more at GCE.org.

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