

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship programs are a unique partnership of industry, labor, education, and government, with a shared commitment to safety and quality training to build a well-equipped, prepared, engaged, and agile workforce in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeships offer a path to the middle class, providing workers with opportunities to earn increased wages and nationally recognized credentials, while they learn in-demand skills through comprehensive, on-the-job learning and related skill and safety instruction; and

WHEREAS: The apprenticeship model is an innovative and proven strategy that supports Minnesota employers' efforts to recruit, train, and retain a highly-skilled, diverse, and inclusive workforce; and

WHEREAS: There are nearly 12,000 apprentices actively training in 200 programs registered in Minnesota in high-growth industries such as agriculture, advanced manufacturing, construction, health care, information technology, transportation, and utilities; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the many contributions and efforts of organized labor in the construction trades and their signatory employers that jointly provide apprenticeship and career opportunities to thousands of Minnesotans each year; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship participation continues to climb in Minnesota, and minority, women, and veteran participation in apprenticeships have more than doubled since 2010, setting all-time state records.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-17, 2018, as:

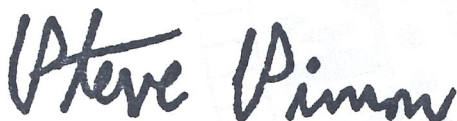
APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE