



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship Week celebrates its ninth anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that registered apprenticeships play in providing opportunities for apprentices to develop workforce skills, creating a pathway towards quality jobs and viable careers with the ability for professional development and advancement; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to eliminating economic disparities and works with community-based organizations and apprenticeship providers to develop strategies that lead to economic advancement and equity through registered apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS: Registered apprenticeship programs meet the changing demands of Minnesota's economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals to become apprentices and contribute to all industries; and

WHEREAS: Registered apprenticeship programs bring together government, industry, labor, educational institutions, community-based organizations, and economic development with a shared commitment to quality training to build a well-equipped, safe, and agile workforce in Minnesota; and

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

WHEREAS: Funding from federal, state, and other sources supports expanding the apprenticeship model, improving workforce development and skilled worker pathways, and retaining organizational knowledge and employees; and

WHEREAS: More than 11,000 apprentices in Minnesota are actively training in over 200 registered programs that are in high-demand and high-growth industries such as advanced manufacturing, agriculture, construction, health care, information technology, transportation, and utilities; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the commitment of all industries to invest in their future workforce and positively impact our state's economic prosperity through registered apprenticeship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2023, as:

## APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR