WHEREAS: Registered Apprenticeships offer workers a path to the middle class and opportunities to earn family-sustaining wages as they learn desired skills and earn nationally recognized credentials through structured on-the-job learning, coupled with safety and related instruction; 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: The State of Minnesota is committed to eliminating economic disparities by working with community-based organizations and apprenticeship stakeholders to develop strategies that continue to open the doors of economic opportunity for all Minnesotans through Registered Apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS: Registered Apprenticeship participation by women, people of color, and veterans has nearly doubled over the last decade; and

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

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

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the commitment of all industries to invest in their future workforce and to make a positive impact on our state's economic prosperity through Registered Apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS: Registered Apprenticeship remains a vital opportunity for workers, sponsors, and employers during this unprecedented pandemic and is a proven strategy for equitable economic recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15-21, 2021, 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 7th day of November.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE