



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Registered Apprenticeship programs are a unique partnership of industry, labor, educational institutions, community-based organizations, 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: Registered Apprenticeships offer workers a path to the middle class, providing opportunities to earn family supporting wages as they learn in-demand skills and earn nationally recognized credentials through structured on-the-job learning coupled with safety and related instruction; and
WHEREAS: Registered Apprenticeship programs continue to expand with more than 12,000 apprentices now actively training in nearly 200 programs registered in Minnesota in high-demand, high-growth industries including advanced manufacturing, agriculture, construction, healthcare, information technology, public sector, transportation, and utilities; 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: Registered Apprenticeship opportunities for women, communities of color, and veterans continue to improve with trends in apprenticeship participation rates nearly doubling over the last decade; and
WHEREAS: The State of 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: The State of Minnesota recognizes the commitment of all industries to invest in their future workforce and make a positive impact on our state's economic prosperity; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to eliminating economic disparities and working with programs, community-based partners, and apprenticeship stakeholders to develop strategies that continue to open the doors of economic opportunity to all through Registered Apprenticeship; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota provides funding from federal, state, and other sources to support employers and sponsors expand the apprenticeship model, improve workforce development, create skilled worker pathways, build organizational knowledge, and retain employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 8-14, 2020, 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 30th day of October.

[Handwritten signature of Tim Walz]

GOVERNOR

[Handwritten signature of Steve Simon]

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon