

WHEREAS; every November, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated in Wisconsin and throughout the United States to raise awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in creating pathways to high-paying jobs and career advancement for individuals who are invested in their learning and career development; and

WHEREAS; apprenticeship training and registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to recruit, develop, and train their future workforce while offering career seekers the opportunity to earn while they learn; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin became the first state to pass a regulated apprenticeship law in 1911, and our state's apprenticeship program remains one of the most robust in the United States to this day; and

WHEREAS; the apprenticeship community in Wisconsin is committed to fostering innovation in apprenticeship by exploring new industries, building bridges from youth apprenticeships to registered apprenticeships, and offering apprenticeship opportunities that are inclusive of all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, justice-involved and incarcerated individuals, individuals with disabilities, individuals living in rural areas, and other historically underserved populations; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the registered apprenticeship model provides a talent pipeline that is critical to addressing the most pressing issues facing our state and country today, such as climate change, threats to cybersecurity, public health issues, and rebuilding our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends the thousands of apprentices across our state who are earning their livelihoods while learning the skills necessary to maintain quality employment, and joins the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and its state and federal partners in working to support a strong pool of skilled workers for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 15 through 21, 2021, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State