

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF DELAWARE APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Whereas, developing a highly skilled workforce is an important part of strengthening Delaware's economy; and

Whereas, we recognize the vital role that the Registered Apprenticeship program plays in providing a pathway to good-paying jobs and career advancement; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware commits to expanding opportunities in the workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved or underrepresented in their chosen field; and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeships have proven to be an effective means to develop crucial in-demand skills over a long period of time; and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the demands of Delaware's economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, people of color, those in rural communities, and individuals with disabilities to begin a fulfilling career; and

Whereas, completion of a Registered Apprenticeship program leads to an industry recognized, nationally portable, credential that certifies occupational proficiency and often leads to a more secure future.

> Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor, and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare November 13th - 19th, 2023 as

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in the State of Delaware, and we urge all Delawareans to join recognizing the importance of a strong workforce and apprenticeship opportunities in Delaware.

Lieutenant Governor

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