

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the important role that apprenticeships play in preparing Colorado's workforce with the knowledge, qualifications, and competencies they will need to ensure we maintain a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are not limited to traditional sectors such as construction and manufacturing. Apprenticeships can lead to careers in such diverse industries as information technology, healthcare, energy, aerospace, and more; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 28,000 apprenticeship programs across the country with approximately 250,000 companies helping more than 468,000 apprentices prepare for financial security while earning wages. In Colorado, there are over 500 apprenticeship programs, including the nation's first statewide youth apprenticeship system; and

WHEREAS, employers gain several advantages from their apprenticeship investments. They save significant sums in recruitment and training costs, increase productivity, identify potential future hires, and increase diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, some workers will benefit greatly from opportunities to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers. Apprenticeships are an alternative pathway to a rewarding career; and

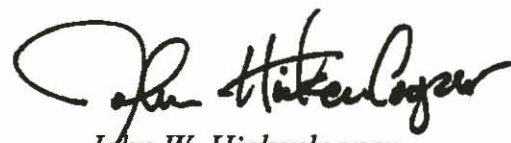
WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes that a robust apprenticeship provides tangible value to both employers and apprentices, with the potential to strengthen a worker's skill set and self-esteem and increase our state's productivity. It is a highly cost-effective mechanism for developing workplace skills and reducing unemployment;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between November 13, 2017 and November 17, 2017, as

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirteenth day of November, 2017


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

