



**ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96932
U.S.A.**

Proclamation No. 2017-095

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017

In Celebration of

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, the Guamanian Dream is about building the possibilities for our future generations. To make this dream possible, our economy has to work for everyone, and that begins with providing our island residents with tools and resources they need to utilize their unique talents to contribute to our island's success. Apprenticeships offer this opportunity. Today, there are **500 Guamanians** who participate in the apprenticeship program.

The National Apprenticeship Act was passed on August 16, 1937. The Act established the National Registered Apprenticeship system, a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, laborers, educational institutions and federal and state governments to shape the skilled training for American workers.

Registered Apprenticeship has provided state of the art training using an "earn while you learn" model which offers a pathway toward over 1,000 sustainable careers for millions of Americans. Registered Apprenticeship is an important post-secondary pathway for our island residents, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training. This also results in a national and industry recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for local businesses.

During **National Apprenticeship Week**, we recognize the National Apprenticeship system that has continually modernized and developed innovative training approaches to meet the workforce needs of our industry to address evolving challenges of staying competitive in today's and tomorrow's global economy. Through public-private investments and partnerships, hundreds of Guamanians have received training each year that allowed them to enter careers such as accounting technicians, automotive mechanics, carpenters, cooks, electricians, instrument technicians, sheet metal mechanics, and telecommunications specialists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, *I Maga' Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim **November 13-19, 2017** as **National Apprenticeship Week**. We recognize the ways apprenticeship programs foster innovation and we recommit to encouraging and supporting those who offer and participate in them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Eighth** day of **November** in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Seventeen**.


EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga' Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:


RAY TENORIO

I Segundo na Maga' Låhen Guåhan
Lt. Governor of Guam

