



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that the 21st century economy demands a highly-skilled workforce that possesses industry recognized, post-secondary degrees and credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed into law July 22, 2014, provides Americans with increased access to training, education and work-based learning experiences necessary to succeed in the labor market; and

WHEREAS, WIOA requires states to strategically align workforce development to ensure that employment and work-based training services are coordinated so that job-seekers acquire industry-recognized credentials for in-demand occupations that meet the employers' needs; and

WHEREAS, the registered apprenticeship system has been used for more than 80 years to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly-skilled workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible training model which combines related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is a vital component of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey currently has more than 6,900 registered apprentices and more than 700 registered apprenticeship sponsors; and

WHEREAS, completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry-driven, nationally recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH 19, 2017
AS
REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in New Jersey, in acknowledgement of the importance of apprenticeship programs in our State and the positive impact they have on individuals and businesses.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of October in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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