



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**  
NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017  
**REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2017

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, we celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Fitzgerald Act, the first national effort to develop a comprehensive system of apprenticeship training in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, this landmark legislation has resulted in North Dakota currently having 85 active apprenticeship programs, 1,400 apprentices and approximately 60 occupations enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs; and

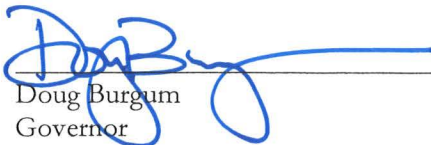
**WHEREAS**, North Dakota recognizes the demand for a workforce with post-secondary education credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeships are a vital component of talent development in many high demand and high growth sectors by using on-the-job learning, combined with related technical instruction, which in turn enhances the economic outlook of our state by producing an educated, well trained, highly skilled and competitive workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment while apprentices demonstrate diligence, perseverance and teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable, capable and credentialed members of the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeship, the North Dakota Department of Commerce, Job Service of North Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education along with secondary and post-secondary educational institutions are working diligently to promote and expand registered apprenticeship opportunities within North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2017, **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**, and November 2017, **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State