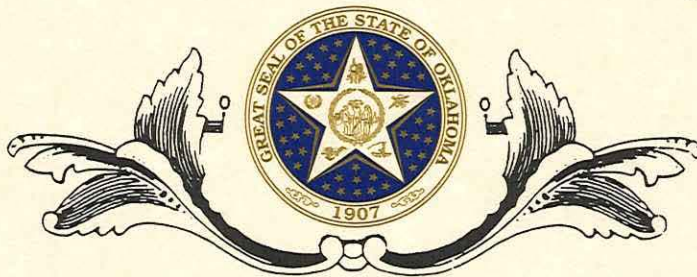


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, we are at a time when Oklahoma needs skilled workers; and

Whereas, registered apprenticeship is a time-tested, proven method of ensuring demand can be met in Oklahoma through workforce services and other partnerships; and

Whereas, apprenticeship helps Oklahoma compete more effectively in the global economy, and contributes to Oklahoma's economic development, sustained economic growth and state security; and

Whereas, nearly 2,100 Oklahomans are currently involved in apprenticeship programs in 150 Oklahoma companies, acquiring job skills in industries, such as manufacturing, health care, entertainment, construction, and culinary arts; and

Whereas, many apprentices are training in high-growth jobs, which require much hands-on practice and direct experience in the field; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma apprenticeship program is a unique and valuable partnership between industry, education and government, which enhances career opportunities for participants; and

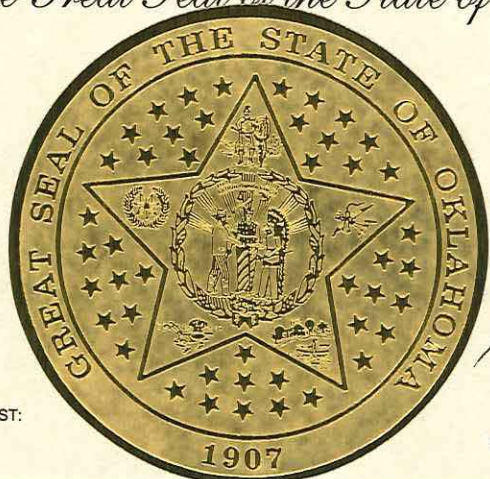
Whereas, graduates of apprenticeship programs make significant contributions to our state, and should be recognized as such;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13, 2017, as

"Apprenticeship Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 6th day of November in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and ninth year.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

[Signature]

Mary Fallin