

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of workers skilled in their chosen fields; and
- Whereas,** apprenticeship training programs fill this need by providing the means for the development of skilled workers and the cultivation of pride in workmanship; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia recognizes the economy demands a workforce with postsecondary education credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and
- Whereas,** apprenticeship programs are vital components of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors and are recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training, and employment option; and
- Whereas,** apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers and providing workers with skills versatility and credentials recognized nationally and often globally; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia recognizes the strength and leadership which results from the many sponsors of apprenticeship programs; and
- Whereas,** apprenticeship sponsors offer solid educational opportunities through on-the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction which serve to enhance the economic vitality of our state by providing a well-educated highly skilled and certified workforce; and
- Whereas,** apprentices demonstrate diligence, perseverance and a teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable capable and credentialed members of the workforce.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 13-19, 2017* as:

National Apprenticeship Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the purpose and values of apprenticeship training and programs.

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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Third day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.





Jim Justice

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Governor

By the Governor:



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Secretary of State