PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the important role that registered apprenticeship plays in preparing the people of Iowa with the knowledge, qualifications and competencies they will need to ensure a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs can address the American skills gap and are proven pathways to rewarding careers in diverse industries such as information technology, healthcare, energy, aerospace, construction, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, financial services and more; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Iowa economy and provide the training required to develop essential in-demand skills in conjunction with paid employment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa recognizes that a robust registered apprenticeship program provides tangible value to both employers and apprentices, with the potential to reduce recruitment and training costs, increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and win the war for talent, while providing high-skilled, high-paying careers to job seekers; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship plays a part of Future Ready Iowa's goal toward increasing the percent of traditional-age students and adult learners who earn postsecondary degrees, certificates or other quality credentials that align with high-demand job needs and job-placement rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, as

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

Kim Reynolds
Governer of Iowa

ATTEST:  
Paul F. Feig  
Secretary of State