WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week was established in 2015 to raise awareness of the meaningful contributions apprenticeship programs in the United States make to our country’s workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has reached more than 10,000 registered apprentices currently earning and learning in the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program - the highest participation rate since 2008. The number of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities continue to grow and expand into new industry sectors and occupations; and

WHEREAS, Maryland continues to provide opportunities for the State’s youth through the Apprenticeship Maryland Youth Apprenticeship Pilot Program, which has expanded statewide through the creation of a new career and technology education program of study and is viewed as a National and International model; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hogan’s primary focus of making Maryland more business friendly and improving the state’s economic competitiveness is supported by the growth of Maryland apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, Maryland continues to seek solutions to growing the private sector, getting more citizens back to work, and restoring Maryland’s economy. The Hogan Administration views Registered Apprenticeships as the premiere workforce solution for Maryland’s businesses and job seekers; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is honored to join other states across the nation, to extend our gratitude to apprentices, program sponsors, local businesses and mentors, state and local government employees, educational institutions, volunteers on the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, and everyone else with their hand in growing apprenticeships, for their hard work, continued dedication and commitment to excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 12 - 18, 2018 as NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all our citizens.