WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that the 21st century economy demands a highly-skilled workforce that possesses industry-recognized, post-secondary degrees and credentials, as well as the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and

WHEREAS, the registered apprenticeship system has been used for more than 81 years to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly-skilled workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible training model which combines related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is a vital component building a stronger and fairer New Jersey through talent development in high-demand and high-growth sectors; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey currently has more than 7,250 registered apprentices and more than 720 registered apprenticeship sponsors; and

WHEREAS, completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry-driven, nationally-recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency; and

WHEREAS, strengthening and expanding access to the registered apprenticeship system in New Jersey constitutes a priority for this Administration, especially with the launch of the New Jersey Apprenticeship Network and the revitalization of the New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education (NJPLACE) initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH 16, 2018

AS

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirty-first day of October in the year two thousand eighteen the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.