WHEREAS, Washington has the goal to connect 100,000 Washington youth with career-connected learning opportunities preparing them for high-demand, high-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, On-the-job training combined with classroom instruction as part of a registered apprenticeship is an effective way for employers to develop talent, and for people to find careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered apprenticeships are proven pathways for students and others ways to obtain career goals outside of attendance at a four-year university; and

WHEREAS, In Washington state there are more than 17,160 active apprentices earning while they learn career skills in one of over 200 occupations - and those who complete the apprenticeship system in our state make, on average, more than $75,000 annually six to nine months after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Over the next five years, 740,000 job openings can be expected in Washington state - jobs that will require a certificate or credential; and

WHEREAS, information about registered apprenticeship opportunities for applicants, businesses, and training organizations is available at www.Lni.wa.gov/Apprenticeship, and www.apprenticeshipwa.com, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, Department of Labor & Industries, Employment Security Department, United States Department of Labor, and leaders from business, labor, education, and community-based organizations have joined in promoting registered apprenticeship opportunities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, as

Registered Apprenticeship Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee