



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, since colonial times, apprenticeship has been a premier vehicle to transform novices into skilled craftspeople; and

*W*HEREAS, U.S. Congressman William Fitzgerald of Norwich, Connecticut, who began his career as an apprentice foundry worker at the Richmond Radiator Company, sponsored the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 establishing a national system of regulated apprenticeship; and

*W*HEREAS, the State Apprenticeship Council has helped the Office of Apprenticeship Training uphold the highest standards of registered apprenticeship in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, today, over 6,000 registered apprentices are training in the State of Connecticut in high skilled careers that will provide lifetime experience and opportunity for achievement as well as contribute to the overall prosperity of our state and nation; and

*W*HEREAS, over 950 registered apprentices will complete their programs this year and continue on to become masters of their craft, and will one-day pass on their skills to future apprentices; and

*W*HEREAS, over 1,500 active apprenticeship sponsors ensure Connecticut's registered apprentices follow rigorous work and training schedules to become highly skilled members of the workforce; and

*W*HEREAS, numerous educational institutions, including Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee schools, Connecticut Technical High Schools, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and many private vendors provide related classroom instruction to ensure that apprentices combine technical knowledge with their workplace skills; and

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2016 as

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




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