



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

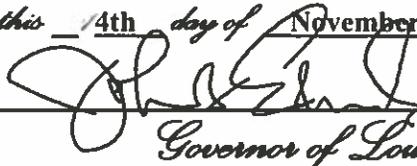
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** this year we celebrate the 78th anniversary of the enactment of the Louisiana Apprenticeship Law, created to open opportunities for Louisiana citizens to obtain training that will equip them for profitable employment and citizenship, to promote employment opportunities under conditions providing quality training and reasonable earnings, and to relate the supply of skilled workers to employer demands; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize the more than 3,500 registered apprentices in the State of Louisiana and the strength and leadership which results from the dedication of Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, employers and graduates of their programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the sponsors have offered solid education opportunities through on-the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction which serves to enhance the economic vitality of our state by providing a well educated, highly skilled workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana recognizes the 21st century economy demands a workforce with postsecondary education, credentials, and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Registered Apprenticeship is an important component of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors and is recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training and employment option; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana recognizes Registered Apprenticeship as a successful career pathway and places emphasis on its expansion, in traditional and non-traditional industries, to aid in the development of a proficient and diverse workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** November 14-20, 2016 has been proclaimed National Apprenticeship Week by the White House; and
- WHEREAS,** Registered Apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality, and lead to a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers, and providing workers with skills versatility, portable credentials recognized nationally and globally.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2016 as

**REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP APPRECIATION AND
AWARENESS DAY** in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge,
on this 14th day of November A.D., 2016.*


Governor of Louisiana