

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK  
NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland participated in the inaugural National Apprenticeship Week in 2015 with events honoring and promoting the contributions apprentices make to Maryland's workforce; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Since National Apprenticeship Week 2015, Maryland's Youth Apprenticeship Pilot Program has begun with great success in two counties and is viewed as a National and international model. During the past year the Registered Apprenticeships program office has moved from the Division of Labor and Industry to the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to expand opportunities for Marylanders by increasing access to federal and state workforce resources; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The primary focus of making Maryland more business friendly and improving the state's economic competitiveness is reflected in the growth of Marylander apprenticeships. Our state continues to seek solutions to growing the private sector, training citizens for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, and restoring Maryland's economy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our state is continuing the positive momentum created in the past year, making Registered Apprenticeships the premiere workforce solution for Maryland's businesses and job seekers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is honored to join other states across the nation during the week of November 14 thru November 18, 2016, to extend our gratitude to apprentices, program sponsors, local businesses and mentors, elected officials, state and local government employees, educational institutions, volunteers on the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Council, and everyone else supporting 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 14 - 20, 2016 as NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November  
Two Thousand and sixteen



*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor  
*Robert K. Witteford*  
Lt. Governor  
*John C. Womack*  
Secretary of State