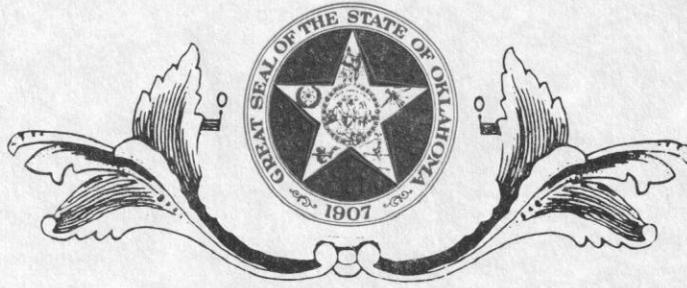


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, we are at a time when Oklahoma needs skilled workers; and

Whereas, registered apprenticeship is a time-tested, proven method of ensuring demand can be met in Oklahoma through workforce services and other partnerships; and

Whereas, apprenticeship helps Oklahoma compete more effectively in the global economy, and contributes to Oklahoma's economic development, sustained economic growth and state security; and

Whereas, nearly 2000 Oklahomans are currently involved in apprenticeship programs in 115 Oklahoma companies; acquiring job skills in industries such as manufacturing, health care, entertainment, construction and culinary arts; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma apprenticeship program is a unique and valuable partnership between industry, education and government which enhances career opportunities for participants; and

Whereas, Apprenticeship USA will endeavor to keep Oklahoma on the cutting edge of economic growth in this modern workforce; and

Whereas, graduates of apprenticeship programs make significant contributions to our state and should be recognized as such;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14, 2016, as

"Apprenticeship Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

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Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR