



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Apprenticeship Week**  
**November 14-20, 2016**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a rich heritage in the fields of agriculture, manufacturing, trade labor, and higher education and we must take advantage of these historic strengths to succeed in an ever-changing global economy; and*

*WHEREAS, by connecting our education and job training systems to our economic drivers, both workers and employers benefit; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projections show that a significant portion of 2020's anticipated workforce shortfall of nearly 3 million Americans who lack the post-secondary education required to fill these jobs could be resolved by apprenticeships; and*

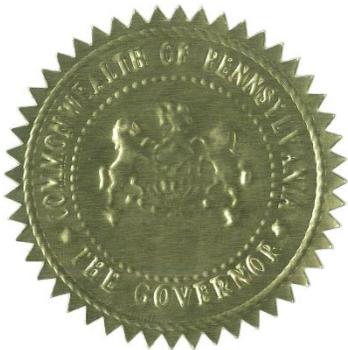
*WHEREAS, studies show that apprenticeships provide a good return on investment not only for workers, but also for employers – forming industry partnerships and addressing the skills gap; and*

*WHEREAS, our economy is strongest when we level the playing field by making the market's opportunities available to all by establishing constructive partnerships between government, business, and non-profits; and*

*WHEREAS, programs at the federal, state, and local levels ensure that Registered Apprenticeship is a viable opportunity for interested parties. In fiscal year 2015, there were 14,667 active apprentices, 757 active programs, and 1,215 program graduates in the commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, the path forward is clear: greater levels of education and training, aligned with employer needs, lead to more economic opportunity for Pennsylvanians.*

*THEREFORE, in recognition of the role apprenticeships have played in the development of our commonwealth's economy, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 14 – 20, 2016, to be NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK. I encourage all citizens to recognize the economic potential of and successes achieved by apprenticeship programs in the commonwealth.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-fourth day of October two thousand sixteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor