

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, apprenticeship training provides Washington with highly-trained workers who help the state compete more effectively in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship training model consistently provides better outcomes than other workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is building and maintaining its critical infrastructure through the utilization of state-registered apprentices in public works; and

WHEREAS, state employers, through the Washington Technology Industry Association, are leading the way nationally to apply the registered apprenticeship model to information technology occupations; and

WHEREAS, Community and Migrant Health Care centers across the state are benefitting from the apprenticeship training model for entry-level talent development; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is home to over 12,000 registered apprentices, earning a salary while they learn career skills in one of over 200 active occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council; the Department of Labor and Industries' Apprenticeship Section; leaders from business, labor, education, community-based organizations, and government; and the United States Department of Labor have joined together to promote and expand the use of apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship is promoting November 14 – 18, 2016 as "National Apprenticeship Week";

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November, 14 – 18 2016 as

Washington State Apprenticeship Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

