



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships offer a gateway to the middle class, delivering opportunities for apprentices to “earn and learn” through structured, on-the-job training and to receive state or national credentials for achieving an occupational competency; and
- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships in Minnesota are helping alleviate racial and gender disparities in Minnesota’s workforce by providing more opportunities to women and communities of color; and
- WHEREAS: Registered apprenticeship programs have seen an increase in the participation rates of women and persons of color from 13 percent in 2005 to 27 percent in 2015; and
- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships are partnerships between industry, labor, education and government with a shared commitment of enhancing career opportunities for thousands of Minnesotans to compete in the 21st Century economy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes organized labor’s longstanding efforts and commitment to developing high-quality apprenticeship programs and highly-skilled workers, especially in the construction trades; and
- WHEREAS: Participation in state-registered apprenticeships has increased more than 30 percent since 2010 with a record high 11,000 active apprentices in 2015; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans appreciate the commitment of industries to invest in their future workforce and the contributions apprentices make to our state’s prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 2-8, 2015, as:

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE