



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships offer a gateway to the middle class, delivering opportunities for Minnesotans to earn increased wages while they learn structured, on-the-job training, related skill and safety instruction, and nationally recognized credentials to achieve an occupational competency; 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 the many longstanding contributions and efforts of organized labor in the construction trades that developed and built models of apprenticeship on which its success is often measured and celebrated today; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to expand registered apprenticeship opportunities in construction, manufacture, healthcare services, IT, agriculture, and other high-growth, high demand industries; and
- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships in Minnesota are making strides to eliminate racial and gender disparities in Minnesota's workforce by opening the doors of opportunity to all Minnesotans as demonstrated by the number of women and minority apprentices increasing by more than 130% since 2011; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been recognized as a national leader in registered apprenticeship development and expansion by the U.S. Department of Labor; 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 14-20, 2016, as:

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 14th day of November.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR