

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to preparing its workforce to meet the changing demands of the workforce; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a proven career pathway for job seekers, which is why Illinois has prioritized expanding school-based and pre-apprenticeship pathways; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois apprenticeships provide industry-recognized credentials and prepare apprentices for full-time, good-paying jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is broadening access and increasing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in apprenticeships by expanding opportunities for underrepresented populations and communities; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois recognizes that apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both employers and apprentices by making space for increased productivity and retention, improved diversity and inclusion, and a reduction in recruitment and onboarding costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois community colleges and other training providers offer a variety of work-based learning and apprenticeship career pathways for students that provides them with hands-on experience, training, and the instruction necessary to obtain in-demand jobs; and,

WHEREAS, our administration's investments in apprenticeship programs and efforts such as the Apprenticeship Education Tax Credit has bolstered apprenticeship programs and has created a strong workforce pipeline;

WHEREAS, Illinois applauds more than 500 employers offering registered apprenticeship programs to over 17,000 apprentices in high-growth and emerging industries; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor's National Apprenticeship Week is a welcomed opportunity to celebrate the explosive growth of apprenticeships in Illinois which has had a positive impact on youth, adults, businesses, and the Illinois economy as a whole;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2022, as **National Apprenticeship Week** in Illinois in support of meaningful career pathways which increase the economic prosperity of our state.*

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

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this FIRST day of NOVEMBER, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and FOURTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR