



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Illinois' investments in education and skills development are crucial for individual growth and the prosperity of society, and investing in apprenticeships bridges the gap between education and employment while fostering inclusive economic growth for more than 18,000 registered apprentices in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to fostering an environment where everyone has equal access to career opportunities and the chance to reach their full potential while expanding workforce opportunities that are inclusive of historically underserved communities; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce and improve productivity and profitability while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure good-paying jobs; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are uniquely suited to meet the changing demands of Illinois' economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, residents in rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has made major investments in pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships to improve job quality and increase access to good-paying jobs for all, while addressing some of the nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding the country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, and supporting a clean energy workforce; and,

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to Illinoisans by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to high quality, good-paying careers with opportunities for advancement;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 13 through November 19, 2023, as National Apprenticeship Week in Illinois.

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-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.*



Alexis Giannou
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR