

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

November 14-20, 2016

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a flexible, work-based training model that allows workers to earn a salary while they learn the skills employers demand in a variety of occupations. It meets national standards for registration with the United States Department of Labor (USDOL); and,

WHEREAS, employers are increasingly turning to Registered Apprenticeship as a workforce solution to help workers acquire 21st century postsecondary education credentials; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of the leading states across the U.S. with a 15% increase in registered apprentices over the previous year, having over 1,000 registered apprenticeship programs and over 14,000 active apprentices; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Talent Investment Agency (TIA) champions efforts designed to provide a proven system of public-private partners to support and operate successful registered apprenticeship programs including Michigan Apprenticeships, Internships, and Mentoring, the Skilled Trades Training Fund, and Michigan Advanced Technician Training; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Apprenticeships, Internships, and Mentoring (MI-AIM): The Path to Work-based Learning Opportunities in Michigan provides a comprehensive outreach and communications strategy, resources and technical assistance with the aim of creating more registered apprenticeships and promoting other type of work-based learning; and,

WHEREAS, the Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF) provides funding for businesses toward the training and establishment of new USDOL registered apprenticeships, and has funded over 320 new apprenticeships in the 2016 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Advanced Technician Training (MAT²) celebrated the first program graduates, who were recognized on July 13, at the State Capitol. The 26 graduates represent a successful program completion rate of 84 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Works! System, in partnership with the USDOL, assists employers across industry sectors with establishing new non-traditional Registered Apprenticeship programs and expanding existing programs. It helps job seekers connect to these career opportunities to create a diverse pipeline of skilled workers to meet the industry's talent needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee, Inc. (MASCI) is educating Michigan's workforce and employer groups on the benefits of participation in registered apprenticeships; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Educators Apprenticeship and Training Association (MEATA) hosts its annual Spring Apprenticeship Conference where apprenticeship and work-based training representatives from across the state of Michigan are provided unique opportunities to learn, network and collaborate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2016 as Apprenticeship Week in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor

