



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week raises awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing the people of Tennessee with the qualifications and competencies needed to create a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of Tennessee depend upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, there are more job openings than job seekers in Tennessee, and the growth and expansion of apprenticeships will help bridge the skills gap to fill these jobs; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in diverse industries; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Tennessee economy and provide the education required to develop in-demand skills through its earn-while-you-learn model; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State Tennessee, do hereby declare the week of November 13-19, 2023, as

Apprenticeship Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fourth day of October, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Ju Hargett

Secretary of State