

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that registered apprenticeship is a vital component in building a stronger and fairer New Jersey through talent development in high-demand and high-growth sectors and constitutes a priority for this Administration, especially with the launch of the New Jersey Apprenticeship Network; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that the 21st century economy demands a highlyskilled workforce that possesses industry-recognized, post-secondary degrees and credentials, as well as the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and

WHEREAS, the registered apprenticeship system has been used for more than 82 years to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly-skilled workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible training model which combines related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes USDOL Registered Apprenticeship programs as a viable career pathway for both colleges bound and non-college bound individuals; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey currently has more than 8,750 registered apprentices and more than 1,208 registered apprenticeship sponsors; and

WHEREAS, completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry-driven, nationally-recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

## NOVEMBER 2023 AS APPRENTICESHIP MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of October in the year two thousand twentythree, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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