



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, to maintain and enhance North Carolina's economic competitiveness, our state needs a well-educated, diverse, and talented workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, employers have expressed difficulty finding qualified applicants to fill open positions; and

**WHEREAS**, some employers attribute their difficulty in finding qualified workers to a lack of relevant education, technical skills, and durable skills among applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeships are a proven means of training individuals for the jobs in high growth, high-demand fields with family sustaining wages and serve as a valuable resource for strengthening North Carolina's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of individuals, particularly high school and community college students, are turning to apprenticeships to help them start their chosen careers; and

**WHEREAS**, employers around the state in partnerships with ApprenticeshipNC have created apprenticeship programs to help develop a talented workforce for their industry; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, 13,377 individuals and 1,698 employers were served by apprenticeship programs in the state in fields like healthcare, construction, and energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to connecting job seekers to employers through our K-12 education system, community colleges, workforce development boards, and ApprenticeshipNC, which ensures that people in our state have a relevant and efficient workforce development system that develops skilled talent to meet the current and future needs of workers and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 19, 2023, as "APPRENTICESHIP WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.