



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that Youth Apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of New Mexico by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is designed to increase awareness of Registered Apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, industry and to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships as a pathway to careers; and

WHEREAS, this observance gives apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education (CTE) programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies and other diverse partners the opportunity to showcase the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs for youth and gives youth apprentices a platform to highlight their apprenticeship experience; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of New Mexico depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of youth and young adults who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico recognizes that both Youth Apprenticeship and other Registered Apprenticeship programs in general, are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, our state has committed itself to strengthen talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – our future workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico, do hereby declare May 5, 2024, through May 11, 2024, as

“Youth Apprenticeship Week”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Foulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
25th day of April, 2024.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor