



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that youth apprenticeships play in providing career opportunities and pathways to the people of Utah by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into high quality jobs with the ability to earn competitive wages;

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;

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.

Whereas, registered apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Utah 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;

Whereas, the state of Utah recognizes that both youth apprenticeship and other registered apprenticeship programs are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to 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, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare May 5-11, 2024, as

Youth Apprenticeship Week in Utah

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