

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a place where every young person has the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, an apprenticeship is a fast track to a good-paying, stable job, and an effective way to build a crucial talent pipeline that connects high schools to our workforce; and

WHEREAS, my Administration secured \$33 million dollars in the 2023-2024 budget to prepare more students for skilled careers, provide funding for apprenticeship programs, and expand partnerships between schools and employers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of my Administration prioritizing vo-tech in our classrooms and apprenticeships after high school, the Department of Labor & Industry has registered twenty-eight new apprenticeship programs, which have enrolled more than 4,600 new apprentices; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are instrumental to improving job quality, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing our Commonwealth's pressing workforce challenges, such as rebuilding our infrastructure, managing critical supply chain demands, bolstering our manufacturing production, and supporting our energy workforce; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to apprenticeship programs for our Commonwealth's youth is a commitment to keeping them in Pennsylvania with the opportunity for a prosperous career.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, to be

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in support of this crucial workforce development system. I encourage all Pennsylvania youth to learn more about apprenticeship programs available at their schools and in their local area and chart their own course to professional success.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this fourth day of April two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-eighth.

Governor Josh Shapiro