



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the opportunities apprenticeships offer for young people as they chart their path into the future; and
- WHEREAS: Apprenticeships allow young people to earn while they learn and help them advance into good, quality jobs and rise through well-paying careers; and
- WHEREAS: Youth Apprenticeship Week raises awareness of registered apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, and industries, highlighting the benefits of apprenticeships as a pathway to careers for both employees and employers; 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 apprenticeship programs for youth, and gives youth apprentices a platform to share their experience; and
- WHEREAS: The advancement and well-being of Minnesota depend 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 Minnesota 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: Minnesota recognizes that both Youth Apprenticeship and other registered apprenticeship programs are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality and job satisfaction; and
- WHEREAS: Our state has committed itself to strengthening 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, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 5–11, 2024, as:

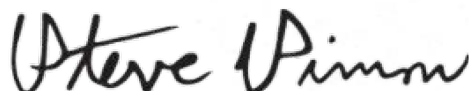
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of May.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE