

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, apprenticeship training provides the citizens of this state with highly-trained workers who help Washington compete more effectively in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship training model consistently outperforms other workforce development programs in terms of outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is building and maintaining its critical infrastructure through the utilization of state-registered apprentices in public works; and

WHEREAS, state employers, through the Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA), are leading the way nationally to apply the registered apprenticeship model to information technology occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Migrant Health Care centers across the state are benefitting from the apprenticeship training model for entry-level talent development; and

WHEREAS, Washington State recently secured a \$2.7 million federal grant to increase apprenticeship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, completers of the apprenticeship system in our state make, on average, \$73,000 annually six to nine months after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is home to over 12,000 registered apprentices, earning while they learn career skills in one of over 200 active occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, the Department of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Section, leaders from business, labor, education, community-based organizations, government, and the United States Department of Labor have joined hands to promote and expand apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all people in Washington to recognize the extraordinary efforts of apprenticeship program sponsors and their partners; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship is promoting November 14 – 18, 2016 as National Apprenticeship Week;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November, 14 – 18, 2016 as

Apprenticeship Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 27th day of October, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

