



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to maintain and enhance North Carolina's economic competitiveness, our state needs a well-educated workforce, and employers need access to a pipeline of skilled talent; and

WHEREAS, many employers have difficulty finding qualified applicants to fill open positions; and

WHEREAS, some employers attribute their difficulty in finding qualified workers to a lack of relevant education, technical skills, and soft skills among applicants; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a proven means of training workers for the jobs that employers need, and serve as a valuable resource for strengthening North Carolina's workforce; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of job seekers, particularly students, are turning to apprenticeships to help them start their chosen careers; and

WHEREAS, employers around the state have created apprenticeship programs to help develop a talented workforce for their industry; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to connecting job seekers to employers through ApprenticeshipNC;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 19, 2017, as "APPRENTICESHIP WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.