

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

**2020**

**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

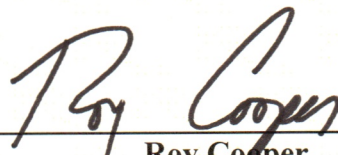
**WHEREAS**, a growing number of job seekers, particularly students, are turning to apprenticeships to help them start their chosen careers; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to connecting job seekers to employers through the North Carolina Community College System's ApprenticeshipNC program, which ensures that people in our state have a relevant and efficient workforce-development system that develops skilled talent to meet the current and future needs of workers and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 9 – 13, 2020, as **"APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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 fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.