

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to maintain and enhance North Carolina's economic competitiveness, it is essential to cultivate a well-educated, diverse, and talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, employers have expressed 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 durable skills among applicants; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a proven pathway for training individuals in high growth, high-demand fields that offer family sustaining wages, while also strengthening North Carolina's economy and workforce resilience; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of individuals, particularly high school and community college students, are turning to apprenticeships to help them start their chosen careers; and

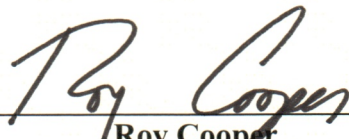
WHEREAS, employers around the state in partnerships with ApprenticeshipNC have created apprenticeship programs to help develop a talented workforce for their industry; and

WHEREAS, last year, 15,090 individuals and 1,698 employers were served by apprenticeship programs in the state in fields like healthcare, construction, and energy; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina remains steadfast in its commitment to connecting job seekers to employers through our K-12 education system, community colleges, workforce development boards, and ApprenticeshipNC, 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 17 – 23, 2024, 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 eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.