



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the youth of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes both Youth Apprenticeship and other Registered Apprenticeship programs as proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of employers around the state recognize the value of Youth Apprenticeship in developing a diverse, educated, and talented workforce in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper has declared 2024 as the Year of Public Schools in North Carolina, and that our public schools play an integral role in providing essential avenues for career exploration and development, thereby shaping the future of our state's workforce; and

WHEREAS, employers, the K-12 public education system, community colleges, local workforce development boards, and non-profit organizations in partnership with ApprenticeshipNC have created youth apprenticeships in high-growth, high-demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, youth around the state are turning to apprenticeships to help them explore and start careers and pursue relevant education, industry competencies, and credentials; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has committed itself to strengthen 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, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2024, as “**YOUTH 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 third day of May 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-eighth.