

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to the people of New Mexico by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and*

*WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of New Mexico depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and*

*WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the New Mexico economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and*

*WHEREAS, there are 50 registered apprenticeship programs in New Mexico and approximately 2,590 Apprentices participating in this training strategy; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as:*

## **"National Apprenticeship Week"**

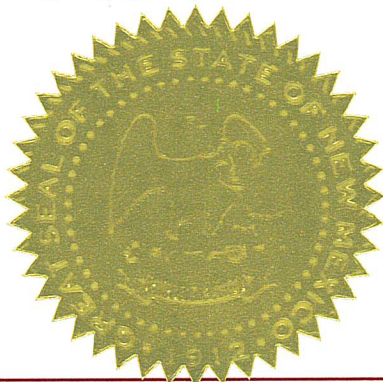
*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.



  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor