

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship programs in South Dakota are a proven workforce development strategy, offering individuals the opportunity to earn while they learn, access quality jobs, and build successful, good-paying careers in high-demand fields; and,

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, addressing critical skills gaps and workforce shortages, while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure good-paying jobs; and,

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship programs are recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training, and employment option, offering a hands-on experience that combines on-the-job training and relevant technical instruction; and,

*Whereas*, the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation and the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship are working to promote, assist, increase awareness, and expand registered apprenticeship opportunities in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship is a proven, industry-driven model that improves job quality and creates access to good-paying, family-sustaining careers in critical fields like education, healthcare, agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and cybersecurity; and,

*Whereas*, I encourage leaders of state and local governments, educational institutions, businesses, labor organizations, and all South Dakotans to support apprenticeship programs and promote them as a proven, industry-driven training model for our state:

*Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, as

## *APPRENTICESHIP DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

*Larry Rhoden*

Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

*Monae L. Johnson*

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State