

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, apprenticeships provide Oklahomans with paid, hands-on training, industry-recognized credentials, and clear pathways to rewarding, high-demand careers; and

Whereas, registered apprenticeship programs combine practical on-the-job training with related classroom instruction, preparing individuals for success in industries such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, aerospace, construction, information technology, and other critical sectors of Oklahoma's economy; and

Whereas, apprenticeships strengthen Oklahoma's workforce and economy by helping employers develop skilled talent while providing individuals the opportunity to earn wages while gaining valuable experience and education; and

Whereas, Governor Stitt has championed apprenticeship programs, saying, "workplace learning IS learning," and advocated for policies that clear the way for more apprenticeships in high demand industries; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma CareerTech System, together with employers and educational institutions, continues to expand apprenticeship opportunities and prepare the next generation of highly skilled professionals; and

Whereas, National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide celebration recognizing the positive impact of apprenticeship programs and honoring the employers, educators, mentors, and apprentices who contribute to their success;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim
April 26th – May 2nd, 2026, as

"National Apprenticeship Week"

in the State of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-fifth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-six, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighteenth year.

Benjamin Lepak
SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR



ATTEST: