



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship is a vital component through talent development and provides opportunities to the people of New Jersey by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers, and the ability to advance in those careers; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of New Jersey depend 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 field; 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, New Jersey currently has over 10,767 registered apprentices and more than 1,625 registered apprenticeship sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the U.S. 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, the State of New Jersey 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, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2026  
AS  
APPRENTICESHIP MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Dale G. Coburn*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Mikie Sherrill*  
GOVERNOR