

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2026

- WHEREAS,** National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide celebration recognizing how Registered Apprenticeships strengthen our economy, build a skilled workforce, and expand economic opportunity for workers; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland has experienced historic growth in Registered Apprenticeships, increasing the number of active apprentices from 11,800 in December 2022 to more than 14,000 in 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** The Governor's Apprenticeship Pledge resulted in more than 5,000 new registered apprentices and 500 additional apprenticeship employers in Maryland, including dozens of public sector employers and state agencies, all committed to transforming their workforce through the power of apprenticeship; and
- WHEREAS,** The State of Maryland has effectively partnered with unions, the building trades, and employers to graduate over 5,000 apprentices to date during the Moore-Miller Administration, delivering on our commitment to provide pathways to work, wages, and wealth; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is a national leader in Registered Apprenticeship innovation, establishing new and non-traditional apprenticeships in education, public health, and public service; and
- WHEREAS,** The Moore-Miller Administration advanced historic investments in Registered Apprenticeship through passage of the Registered Apprenticeship Investments for a Stronger Economy (RAISE) Act of 2025, creating new tools that expand access and opportunity for employers and apprentices across the state; and
- WHEREAS,** The continued growth of Registered Apprenticeship is essential to ensuring Maryland businesses have access to the skilled workers who drive a thriving and competitive economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Registered Apprenticeship remains one of the most impactful tools for strengthening talent pipelines, connecting Marylanders to good-paying, family-sustaining careers and expanding pathways to economic mobility across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2026 as NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 20th day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Handwritten signature of Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland.

Wes Moore
Governor

Handwritten signature of Susan C. Lee, Secretary of State.

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

