

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that youth apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of South Dakota. Youth apprentices can earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and,

Whereas, Youth Apprenticeship Week is designed to increase awareness of Registered Apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, and industry, and to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships as a pathway to careers; and,

Whereas, this observance gives apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education programs, employers, workforce agencies, and other partners the opportunity to showcase the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs for youth, and gives youth apprentices a platform to highlight their apprenticeship experience; and,

Whereas, the advancement and well-being of South Dakota depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce; and,

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship Programs meet the changing demands of the South Dakota economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and,

Whereas, the state of South Dakota recognizes that both youth apprenticeship, and all Registered Apprenticeship Programs, are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality, while also creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all; and,

Whereas, our state has committed itself to strengthen talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults - our future workforce:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5, 2024, as

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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 Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Kristi Noem
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State