

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### **PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

*Whereas*, during Youth Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate raising awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to learn and earn on the pathway to good quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

*Whereas*, the Delaware Department of Labor and its Apprenticeship USA initiative will celebrate the first Youth Apprenticeship Week in 2024 to highlight the benefits and value of registered apprenticeships for young people ages 16-24; and

*Whereas*, Registered Apprenticeship programs allow youth and young adults to obtain relevant training and experience to start their careers while earning competitive wages and often include the opportunity to earn college credit, creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for critical industries; and

*Whereas*, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide a path to success, stability, and opportunity to contribute to America's industries for all qualified individuals regardless of their race, sexuality, background, gender, geography, ethnicity, or disability status; and

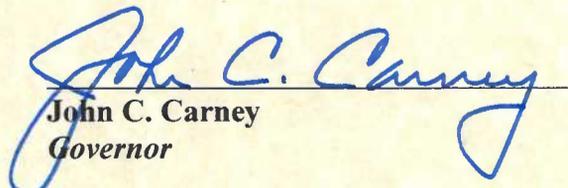
*Whereas*, themes being highlighted for the inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week include the importance of parents and guardians, building awareness through partnerships with schools, creating pathways through pre-apprenticeship, and expanding youth apprenticeships for underserved populations in rural, suburban, and urban communities.

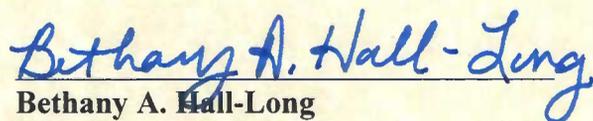
*Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,*  
do hereby declare May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as

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in the State of Delaware, and we urge all business leaders, educators, families, and young people to learn more about the opportunities that youth apprenticeship programs provide and encourage the development and expansion of youth Registered Apprenticeship in the great State of Delaware.



  
John C. Carney  
Governor

  
Bethany A. Hall-Long  
Lieutenant Governor

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