Proclamation

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Andy Beshear Gobernor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness about the vital role that youth apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities to young people in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good quality jobs and well-paying 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, The observance of Youth Apprenticeship Week gives apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education (CTE) programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies, and other diverse 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, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural community members, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky 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, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 2nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 232nd year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State