



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that Arizona Youth Apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of Arizona by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona 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 allows apprenticeship sponsors, Career and Technical Education programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies, and other diverse partners 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 Arizona depend upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of youth and young adults who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty in their chosen fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Arizona 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 Arizona recognizes that both Youth Apprenticeship and other Registered Apprenticeship programs in general, are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, our state has committed itself to strengthening 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, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2024 as

## **ARIZONA YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

and call upon all Arizonans to recognize the purpose and value of apprenticeship programs and to pursue its further expansion.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

**ATTEST:**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**