



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
GOVERNOR

*To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate is presented to all observing*

**Youth Apprenticeship Week**  
May 5–11, 2024

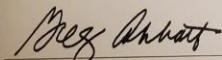
*The American worldview rests on the notion that each of us can build a better life for ourselves, our families, and our nation. This seminal American Dream is especially evident in apprenticeship programs, which enable young people to pursue rewarding careers as tradesmen. For the apprentices themselves and for our entire society, the benefits of apprenticeship programs are many. Journeymen receive rigorous, relevant training in their chosen trade and earn competitive wages while doing so. In due course, these apprentices will support critical industries and, by so doing, help address the great challenges of our time.*

*Recognizing the immense value of apprenticeship programs, public and private stakeholders have created innovative opportunities for people ages 16–24. Youth apprenticeships open the door to high-quality, high-paying jobs, and as Texas prepares for her third century, we must invest in the best possible workforce. Apprenticeships are undoubtedly a means to that end, and they therefore deserve enthusiastic support.*

*This year, entities from sea to shining sea will host events during the inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week. This observance creates an excellent opportunity for students to explore the opportunities available through apprenticeships, and it enables employers to connect with talented young people. By developing the tradesmen of tomorrow, we pave the way for a better, brighter future—for Texas and for America.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to observe Youth Apprenticeship Week with appropriate programs and activities.*

*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 25th day of April, 2024.*

  
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Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

