

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's workforce is its most vital asset, and the state is dedicated to providing the education and training opportunities needed to ensure South Carolinians are skilled and ready to fill the high-demand jobs in our state; and
- WHEREAS,** registered apprenticeship programs have been proven to be an ideal workforce development tool, providing employees the opportunity to learn while they earn and employers the prospect of expanding their pipeline of skilled workers by building their own workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** since its inception in 2007, Apprenticeship Carolina has increased the number of registered apprenticeship programs in the state from 90 participating companies to over 900, and the number of total apprentices has grown phenomenally to over 42,000; and
- WHEREAS,** while many imagine traditional trades such as construction, electrician, and plumber as the ideal occupations for a registered apprenticeship program, Apprenticeship Carolina has broadened that scope to include nontraditional industry sectors like health care, information technology, tourism, energy, biomedical, and advanced manufacturing; and
- WHEREAS,** Apprenticeship Carolina's proactive outreach has resulted in increased numbers of women and minorities participating in registered apprenticeship programs and, among underrepresented populations, South Carolina's registered apprenticeship participation is higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS,** youth apprenticeship is a forward-focused component of Apprenticeship Carolina that is exponentially growing in popularity across South Carolina with nearly 280 companies in the Palmetto State sponsoring a youth program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

SOUTH CAROLINA APPRENTICESHIP MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the SC Technical College System and its Apprenticeship Carolina program for their positive contributions to ensuring South Carolina's continued competitiveness through a well-trained and prepared workforce.



HENRY MCMASTER
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