

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout history, apprenticeship has been a successful way to teach and train highly skilled workers within a variety of employment sectors, and New York State supports apprenticeship programs that strengthen the foundation upon which people of all backgrounds and abilities can learn, grow, and achieve their full potential in the workforce; and

Whereas, New York State seeks to ensure that every New Yorker is able to participate in our growing economy, and apprenticeship offers a critical pathway for people to have access to quality job opportunities within the labor force; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Labor, in partnership with agencies and resources across New York State, continues to support and develop registered apprenticeship programs that provide opportunities through hands-on learning and direct work experience; and

Whereas, New York State has one of the largest apprenticeship programs in the country, with 17,113 apprentices who are part of 912 programs statewide in both the construction and non-construction trades, and development of this program is a perfect example of what can happen when government, business, education, organized labor, and training partners work together; and

Whereas, apprenticeship programs allow businesses to build skilled and productive teams by recruiting and retaining skilled laborers while enhancing valuable production time, and as a successful strategy, the apprenticeship model is being increasingly used for workforce development; and

Whereas, New York State depends on a strong workforce to meet today's economic challenges and the employment needs of new and emerging industries and occupations; apprenticeship is a time-honored approach to training highly skilled workers and has long been recognized as a career pathway for many and, as this year marks the eighth National Apprenticeship Week, New York State supports efforts to promote apprenticeship programs as a means by which individuals can embark upon rewarding careers;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

NEW YORK STATE APPRENTICESHIP MONTH

in the Empire State.

at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of
November in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor Karen Persichilli Keogh