



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to the people of Missouri by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the advancement and well-being of Missouri depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Missouri economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and people with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality and creating access to well-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November 17-23, 2024, to be

**APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE