

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the continued growth of a strong Kansas economy depends on a highly trained and agile workforce; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is an employer-driven earn that helps businesses develop, sustainable training programs that have immediate positive impacts on productivity and quality of workforce; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship allows industries to legitimize robust training programs developed directly from industry standards that face significant shortages of skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship supports training providers to collaborate directly with employers for the overall benefit of Kansas workers; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship allows Kansas workers to build rewarding and successful careers that better the quality of their lives and develop an enduring pipeline of talent crucial to the future of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Commerce appointed Kansas Apprenticeship Council voted to approve the following vision and mission statement to set the strategic direction of Kansas Registered Apprenticeship:

WHEREAS, the Apprenticeship vision is to grow Kansas Apprenticeship to the Top 25 by 2025, in their mission to meet the needs of the Kansas economy and its citizens, the Office of Apprenticeship will actively grow a robust system that supports our apprenticeship stakeholders, sponsors, intermediaries and apprentices, by strategically empowering partnerships that serve a diverse and inclusive workforce through occupational proficiency, for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas encourages the use of the registered apprenticeship program as a means of supporting a robust workforce and business environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, November 12-18, 2023, as

Apprenticeship Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 27th day of October, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State