



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its sixth anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in preparing the people of Tennessee with the qualifications and competencies needed for a strong and high-skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of Tennessee depends upon the continued growth of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in diverse industries such as information technology, healthcare, energy, aerospace, construction, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, financial services, wine production, and more; and

WHEREAS, programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Tennessee economy and provide the education required to develop in-demand skills through its earn-while-you-learn model; and

WHEREAS, robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9-15, 2020 as

Apprenticeship Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this seventh day of October, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State