Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, 2022 marks the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act, and South Dakota is raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs allow apprentices to earn while they learn and prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and,

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs are recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training, and employment option, offering a hands-on experience that combines on-the-job training and relevant technical instruction; and,

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the South Dakota economy and enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and,

Whereas, the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation and the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship are working to promote, assist, increase awareness, and expand Registered Apprenticeship opportunities in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, I urge state and local governments, educational institutions, industry and labor leaders, and all South Dakotans to support apprenticeship programs and to raise awareness as a proven and industry-driven training model for the state:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14, 2022, as

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in South Dakota.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State