

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, the week of November 13 is Registered Apprenticeship Week, during which we raise awareness of the part registered apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to the people of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship programs allow apprentices to earn while they learn. They prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers with the ability to advance in those careers; and,

*Whereas*, registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure well-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*, the state of South Dakota is investing a historic \$8 million over the next three years to help businesses start Registered Apprenticeship Programs. This is a game changer for South Dakota's workforce and has led to a record number of both new apprentices and total apprentices in the state; and,

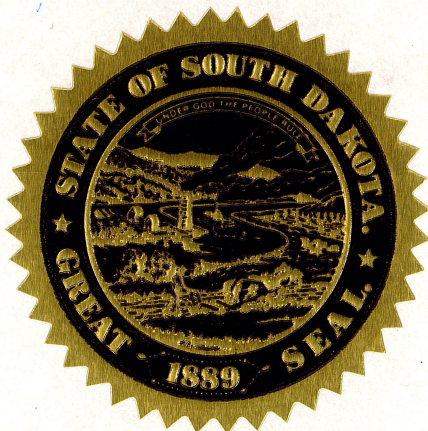
*Whereas*, apprenticeships are especially advantageous in workforce areas with critical demand such as education, healthcare, agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and cybersecurity; and,

*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 of this proven, 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 13, 2023, as

**REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

in South Dakota.



*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-seventh Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

*Kristi Noem*  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

*Thomas L. Johnson*  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State