

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship education and training provides employers with highly-skilled workers who help Washington compete more effectively in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington state is investing \$7.5 million in federal discretionary and state funds to grow the registered apprenticeship model in new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, in terms of outcomes, the apprenticeship education and training model is the gold standard for workforce development programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington is building and maintaining its critical infrastructure through the utilization of state-registered apprentices in public works and the technology industry, applying the registered apprenticeship model to information technology occupations, benefitting from the apprenticeship training model for medical and dental assistant talent development, and bringing registered apprenticeship opportunities to juniors and seniors in high school; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington is home to over 15,000 registered apprentices, earning while they learn career skills in one of over 200 active occupations, and completers of the apprenticeship system in our state make, on average, \$73,000 annually six to nine months after graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, the Department of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Section, leaders from business, labor, education, community-based organizations, and government, and the United States Department of Labor have joined hands to promote and expand apprenticeship; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship is promoting November 13-17, 2017 as National Apprenticeship Week;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2017, as

### *Registered Apprenticeship Week*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee

