

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Youth Apprenticeship Week* is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that youth apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of Mississippi by allowing youth apprentices to not only earn while they learn, but also to develop qualifications and competencies needed to prepare a pathway to high-quality jobs and well-paying careers and to ensure their ability to advance in those careers; and

WHEREAS, *Youth Apprenticeship Week* is designed to increase awareness of apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, and industry, and to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships as a pathway to careers; and

WHEREAS, this observance gives apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education (CTE) programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies, and other diverse partners the opportunity to showcase the value of apprenticeship programs for youth and gives youth apprentices a platform to highlight their apprenticeship experience; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of Mississippi depend upon our ability to expand opportunities for all Mississippians throughout the state's workforce through the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of Mississippi's economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including men, women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi recognizes and supports industry-driven youth apprenticeship programs, a proven training model to train our workforce, are a key part of the strategy to improve job quality and create access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for everyone, especially beginning with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is committed to strengthening talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – the future of our workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, as Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2024, as

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.




TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR