

STATE OF MISSOURI Proclamation

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has designated National Apprenticeship Day to honor the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing high-quality opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn wages during the completion of their training, as well as providing a pathway to good, well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of Missouri's workforce relies upon its ability to provide quality services while meeting the needs of changing economic conditions, advancements in technology, and an increasing number of jobs requiring advanced training; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-quality employment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality and creating access to well-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide access to an expanded workforce while addressing some of our state's pressing workforce challenges, such as rebuilding vital infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and tackling the shortage of qualified candidates in high-demand fields, such as teaching and early-childhood education; and

WHEREAS, Missouri currently ranks third in the nation for the creation of new Registered Apprenticeship programs, third in the nation for the number of active apprentices, and second in the nation for the number of completed apprenticeships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, to be

APPRENTICESHIP DAY

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 19th day of March 2025.



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