

# PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia is dedicated to a workforce development strategy that allows residents to access training, good paying jobs, and ultimately become self-sufficient while simultaneously supporting a growing business community for businesses of all sizes. Economic opportunity for all Philadelphians begins with an investment and bold initiatives that improve educational outcomes for our youth and young adults to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Philadelphia home.

Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships are a key strategy that simultaneously helps businesses fill their talent pipeline and provides Philadelphia residents the opportunity to earn while they learn and attain nationally recognized credentials. The national Registered Apprenticeship system was established to provide a renewed focus on expanding apprenticeship positions and has taken a leading role in creating new opportunities in our economic and workforce systems. There are currently 1,561 registered apprenticeship programs, 121 registered pre-apprenticeship programs, 15,755 active apprentices and 1,477 active pre-apprentices in Pennsylvania. Registered Apprenticeships are a vital factor in many high demand and high growth industries and can be a crucial post-secondary education option for workers. Apprenticeships lead to family-sustaining wages and empower individuals to realize their full career potential. They provide a great return on investment for workers and employers alike.

To highlight the virtues of these initiatives, *National Apprenticeship Week*, which will be held November 17 - 23, 2024, will offer workforce professionals and leaders in business, labor, and education opportunities to express their support for apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs and showcase their successful impact to the community. In Philadelphia, the events are being led in collaboration with the support of the local Workforce Development Board, Philadelphia Works Inc, ApprenticeshipPHL, the Philadelphia Apprentice Network and a joint planning committee led by the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO. In addition, Philadelphia Works joins with their regional, state and national partners to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of raising awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeships provide in creating pathways to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers.

## THEREFORE...

I, Cherelle L. Parker, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, November 17, 2024 through Saturday, November 23, 2024 to be the

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of workforce development through job training and apprenticeships to create a more inclusive and economically viable City, and commend those organizations and people working to create more apprenticeship opportunities for the career-seekers in our city and region.

A blue-tinted illustration of a statue of William Penn, the founder of Philadelphia. He is depicted in 17th-century attire, including a long coat and a hat, standing on a pedestal.

*Cherelle L. Parker*

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Mayor

Given by hand and seal of the City of Philadelphia on this seventeenth day of November, two thousand and twenty-four