



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK  
November 8-14, 2020**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a rich heritage in the fields of agriculture, manufacturing, trade labor, and higher education, and we must take advantage of these historic strengths to succeed in an ever-changing global economy; and*

*WHEREAS, our economy is strongest when we level the playing field by making the market's opportunities available to all by establishing constructive partnerships between government, business, and non-profits; and*

*WHEREAS, robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers; and*

*WHEREAS, the PA Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) was founded in 2016 and has supported 182 new program sponsors and 279 newly approved occupations. The ATO is currently supporting 861 active programs and 18,018 registered apprentices.*

*WHEREAS, greater levels of education and training, aligned with employer needs, will lead to more economic opportunity for Pennsylvanians.*

*THEREFORE, in recognition of the role apprenticeships have played in the development of our commonwealth's economy, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2020, to be NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK. I encourage all citizens to recognize the economic potential of and success achieved by apprenticeship programs in the commonwealth.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of November two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor