

WHEREAS, connecting Arizonans to good-paying jobs and career opportunities is a top priority of the Hobbs Administration and the State of Arizona, supporting the development of workers skilled in their chosen fields; and WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship Programs provide opportunities for Arizonans to earn while they learn and simultaneously enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering individuals affordable paths to secure quality jobs and high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship Programs allow participants to earn a nationally-recognized postsecondary credential; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship Programs are a key strategy to meet the changing demands of the Arizona economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural community members, justice-involved individuals, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship Programs address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, strengthening the construction trades, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy needs; and

WHEREAS, with support and guidance from the Arizona Apprenticeship Office at the Department of Economic Security, Arizona has led the way in creating registered apprenticeships in in-demand fields, including child care, construction trades, cybersecurity, semiconductor, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee continues to advance the efforts of registered apprenticeship in Arizona by acting in an advisory role to the Arizona Apprenticeship Office resulting in thousands of apprentices in skilled trades and occupations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 17 - 23, 2024 as

## ARIZONA APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

and call upon all Arizonans to recognize the purpose and value of apprenticeship programs.

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

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the dapitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE