

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, apprenticeship is a unique, flexible training system combining job-related technical instruction with structured, paid, on-the-job training experience. Registered Apprenticeships, dating back to the national Fitzgerald Act of 1937, increase the number of trained workers, directly contributing to higher rates of Alaska hire and lower rates of unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs prepare Alaska's workers to compete in the 21st century economy through industry-recognized training that keeps pace with advancing technologies and work-based innovations; and

WHEREAS, employers throughout the state hire Registered Apprentices and offer training in over 80 occupations including construction, health care, transportation, oil and gas, mining, maritime, communications, education, and hospitality; and Alaska employers have created nearly 800 new apprenticeships over the past year; and

WHEREAS, Alaska colleges and universities are linking college credit with apprenticeship related instruction, ensuring apprentices can earn wages while pursuing a degree

WHEREAS, Alaskans who complete Registered Apprenticeship programs earn, on average, more than \$80,000 annually, significantly higher than the statewide average wage;

WHEREAS, expansion of Registered Apprenticeship in health care, construction, maritime, and other high-growth industries is a central element of the State's efforts to sustain economic security for working families, and the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and Alaska Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee have established Registered Apprenticeship as a top priority for workforce development;

WHEREAS, the celebration of Apprenticeship Week encourages business and industry to recognize the role the apprenticeship system has played in preparing Alaskan workers for sustainable careers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim November 12 - 18, 2018 as:

Alaska Apprenticeship Week

and thank employers, labor unions, community partners, training institutions, and the Federal government for their collective work to help develop Alaska's workforce using Registered Apprenticeship.

Dated: November 5, 2018



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation