



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, for the past 8 years, Apprenticeship Week has helped bring awareness to the vital role that apprenticeships play in developing a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tennessee, there are more job openings than job seekers. The growth and expansion of apprenticeships will help bridge the skills gap to fill these jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeships are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in diverse industries; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to provide the education required to develop in-demand skills through its earn-while-you-learn model; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity while providing a pathway to higher-paying jobs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2022, as

*Apprenticeship Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this nineteenth day of October, 2022.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Raup".

Secretary of State

