



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2018
APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
NOVEMBER 12-16, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2018, we celebrate the 81st anniversary of the enactment of the Fitzgerald Act, the first national effort to develop a comprehensive system of apprenticeship training in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this landmark legislation has resulted in North Dakota currently having 105 active apprenticeship programs, 1,200 apprentices and approximately 60 occupations enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs; and

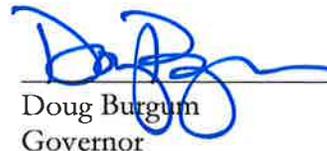
WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the demand for a workforce with postsecondary education credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are a vital component of talent development in many high-demand and high-growth sectors by using on-the-job learning, combined with related technical instruction, which in turn enhances the economic outlook of our state by producing an educated, well-trained, highly skilled and competitive workforce; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment while apprentices demonstrate diligence, perseverance and teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable, capable and credentialed members of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, the North Dakota Department of Commerce, Job Service North Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education along with secondary and post-secondary educational institutions are working diligently to promote and expand registered apprenticeship opportunities within North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2018, **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS MONTH**, and November 12-16, 2018, **APPRENTICESHIP WEEK** in the State of North Dakota



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State