

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a program of the United States Department of Labor that connects job seekers looking to learn new skills with employers looking for qualified workers; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, there are 67 apprenticeship programs available, representing a wide variety of occupations and more than 6,800 registered apprentices in the different programs; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs provide a viable and highly effective career pathway to meaningful employment using an "earn while you learn" model established by the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs develop innovative training strategies including the use of workforce intermediaries, such as Community Colleges, Dev League, and employer associations as program sponsors; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and interest from more employers resulted in the registration of 38 new apprenticeship programs for Information Technology, Healthcare, Cook, Mechatronics Technician, Construction Inspector, and Health and Safety Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, this year, Hawai'i's Department of Labor and Industrial Relations received \$1,800,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration for the second round of funding under the State Apprenticeship Expansion Grants that will continue to support the development and expansion of new apprenticeship programs in other occupations and increase the number of apprentices;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 as

"APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to support Registered Apprenticeship and recognize the sponsors, employers, apprentices, training providers, unions, State Apprenticeship Council, Apprenticeship Training Coordinators in Hawai'i, the City and County of Honolulu, Job Corps, and other partners who are instrumental in making apprenticeship a viable and effective career pathway to develop a skilled workforce.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of October 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i