

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



**WHEREAS**, *Registered Apprenticeships play a critical role in providing opportunities for Montana workers by offering paid, supervised, on-the-job training that puts Montanans on a path toward a family-sustaining, good-paying career; and*

**WHEREAS**, *since 2000, the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program has coordinated some 11,000 apprenticeships in more than 100 different occupations, involving more than over 1,300 employers, and in 2021 more than 2,600 apprentices were active across Montana; and*

**WHEREAS**, *apprentices who complete a registered apprenticeship program earn an average wage of \$59,000 in their first year after graduation, nearly \$11,700 more than the statewide average wage; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Montana's Registered Apprenticeship program helps meets the needs of our economy, empowering workers in vital fields such as construction, health care, information technology, and other trades; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Apprenticeship Week demonstrates our commitment to promoting trades education and apprenticeship programs to empower Montana workers, expand their lifetime earning potential, and ensure Montana employers have a more highly-skilled workforce.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, *Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15, 2021 through November 21, 2021 as*

### **Apprenticeship Week**

*in Montana to recognize the role of apprenticeships, apprentices, and their employer sponsors in building a stronger workforce and providing unique career opportunities to Montanans*

**GREG GIANFORTE**

**Governor**