

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: August 16, 2022, marked the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship (Fitzgerald) Act, which established the National Registered Apprenticeship System; and

WHEREAS: This Act created a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor, educational institutions, and federal and state governments that has shaped skill training for succeeding generations of U.S. workers; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship training provides this state with highly trained and efficient craft workers; and

WHEREAS: The state has shown a growth rate of 5 percent in registered apprentices over the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: The number of registered apprentices in the Natural State has grown 128 percent since 2015; and

WHEREAS: Currently, more than 1,000 companies employ apprentices in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate for Arkansas to recognize the efforts of many on behalf of apprenticeship training and those who are actively seeking a better future through apprenticeship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 14<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State