

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Mike Dunleavy*

WHEREAS, youth apprenticeship programs play a vital role in providing job opportunities and pathways to Alaskans by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn, advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers, and the ability to advance in those careers; and

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is designed to increase awareness of apprenticeship opportunities among young people, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, and industries and to highlight their benefits as a pathway to careers; and

WHEREAS, this observance allows apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies, and other partners to showcase the value of youth apprenticeship programs and gives youth apprentices a platform to highlight their apprenticeship experience; and

WHEREAS, Alaska recognizes that Youth Apprenticeship programs are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, our State has committed itself to strengthening talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – our future workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2024 as:

Alaska Youth Apprenticeship Week

in Alaska and encourage all Alaskans to seek out information regarding the benefits of youth apprenticeships and the positive impact these programs have on our infrastructure and economy.

Dated: May 5, 2024



*Mike Dunleavy, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*