

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK
GOVERNOR



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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize November 12-18, 2018 as "National Apprenticeship Week" in the state of Montana.

Montana enjoys an economy that is strong and among the best in the nation. One of the keys to building upon this economic strength is ensuring that businesses have a workforce with the knowledge, skills, and experience to fill the careers that are in high demand. Montana faces a workforce shortage due to retiring baby boomers and apprenticeships are a way to learn hard and soft skills necessary for success in high-demand and high-wage occupations, while on the job. Apprenticeship training can also lead to 'prior learning' credits that go towards earning a college degree in that occupation

Businesses all across Montana are looking for workers with STEM and mechanical skills. Maintaining Montana's high skilled workforce is critical to the continued success of our economy.

I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge November 12-18, 2018 as "National Apprenticeship Week" in the state of Montana.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a long horizontal line.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor