Proclamation

WHEREAS, every November National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated in Hawai'i and throughout the United States to raise awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to Hawai'i's people by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good jobs, well-paying careers, and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeships are a cost-effective way for employers to train their employees while fostering worker productivity, loyalty and reliability; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are critical to ensuring Hawai'i's businesses and workers are equipped with the talent and skills needed as Hawai'i's economy evolves, including contributing to the Maui wildfires recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, expanding Registered Apprenticeship programs across the state that reflects the diversity of our workers also targets underrepresented populations and underserved communities, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 5,000 registered apprentices and 685 apprentices who completed apprenticeship programs to become skilled workers in various trades and occupations during the current year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded Hawai'i $485,001 in State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula funds in an effort to revitalize the National Apprenticeship program system and expand Registered Apprenticeship in the state; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is committed to expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs statewide in non-traditional occupations to help address the shortage of workers in these areas; and

WHEREAS, November 13 – 19 celebrates the Ninth National Apprenticeship Week with the theme, "Registered Apprenticeship: Superhighway to Good Jobs," and underscores the significance of Registered Apprenticeship as a proven and industry-driven model that paves the way to rewarding careers for all, while fostering diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in workplaces across the nation.

THEREFORE, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13 – 19, 2023, as

"APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in appreciating the valuable contribution Reg istered Apprenticeship Programs make to the State of Hawai'i.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighteenth day of October 2023.

Josh Green M.D.

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Governor, State of Hawai'i