
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of November 2 through 8, 2015, as "National
2 Apprenticeship Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The President of the United States set a goal last
4 year to double the number of apprentices nationwide over a five-
5 year period and ensure that registered apprenticeship has a
6 leading role in building a skilled work force that meets the
7 needs of employers across a wide array of industries; and

8 WHEREAS, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics projections
9 show that a significant portion of the anticipated work force
10 shortfall in 2020 of nearly 3 million Americans who will lack
11 the postsecondary education required to fill jobs could be
12 resolved by apprenticeships; and

13 WHEREAS, Studies show that apprenticeships provide not only a
14 good return on investment for workers but also for employers;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, A renewed focus on expanding registered
17 apprenticeships, the National Registered Apprenticeship System

1 and its apprenticeship sponsors and employers, including those
2 throughout this Commonwealth, have expanded apprenticeships in
3 the United States by approximately 55,000 active apprentices,
4 reaching nearly 430,000 active apprentices since late 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Labor and Industry's
6 Apprenticeship and Training Council promotes and approves
7 apprenticeship programs to trade companies throughout this
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, As of early October 2015, there were 767
10 apprenticeship programs and 12,996 registered apprentices in
11 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of November 2
13 through 8, 2015, as "National Apprenticeship Week" in
14 Pennsylvania.