Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship has been established by the Legislature and governor within the Alabama Department of Commerce’s Workforce Development Division to serve as the state apprenticeship agency of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Apprenticeship for the Labor Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor formally recognized the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship as a state apprenticeship agency on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship is to expand the use of apprenticeships for providing high-quality career training which will enable workers and employers to prosper in pursuit of the continued economic development of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to expand apprenticeships by building a collaborative environment with state agencies, workforce groups, business entities and employee representatives; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to ensure the quality and effectiveness of apprenticeships to serve the needs of employers and employees; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to build an effective and efficient infrastructure to administer apprenticeship programs while maximizing the utilization of incentives and supports; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship will increase the variety of apprenticeship models in Alabama to best meet the needs of businesses and jobseekers; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship will increase the number of sponsors hosting registered apprenticeship programs and the number of businesses employing apprentices; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship will increase the diversity of Alabama citizens able to utilize registered apprenticeship as a training vehicle to gain skills and improve their economic well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 15 through 19, 2021, as Apprenticeship Week in the state of Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 3rd day of November 2021.

Kay Ivey, Governor