



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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### ***National Apprenticeship Week***

During National Apprenticeship Week, California joins leaders and organizations around the country in celebrating the vital role that apprenticeship plays in our economy, workforce and education system. In California, there are currently 90,000 registered apprentices across various industries, from the building trades to health care to technology.

Apprenticeship programs provide invaluable on-the-job training, job skill development and workplace experiences. As job seekers benefit from these earn-and-learn pathways into meaningful careers, employers benefit from the contributions of a skilled workforce. California partners with employers, unions, educators and job seekers in promoting these opportunities.

With the goal of recruiting 500,000 apprentices by the end of 2029, California strives to increase access to good jobs and support our diverse and dynamic workforce. This year alone, California invested \$231 million in apprenticeship efforts to help meet our state's workforce needs and expand opportunities to underserved groups including women, people of color, justice-involved persons, people with disabilities, veterans and youth.

As we lift up the importance of apprenticeship in our state and nation this week, we invite students, workers, employers and businesses to explore the myriad benefits and learn how to get involved. Together, we can build an innovative workforce that supports a stronger, fairer and more prosperous economy for all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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