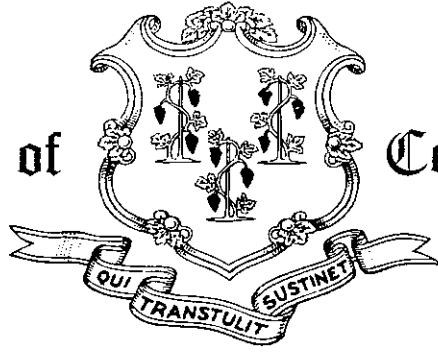# State of Connecticut

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, since colonial times, apprenticeship has been a premier vehicle to transform novices into skilled craftspeople; and

*W*HEREAS, U.S. Congressman William Fitzgerald of Norwich, Connecticut, who began his career as an apprentice foundry worker at the Richmond Radiator Company, sponsored the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937, establishing a national system of regulated apprenticeship; and

*W*HEREAS, the State Apprenticeship Council has helped the Office of Apprenticeship Training uphold the highest standards of registered apprenticeship in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, today, over 6,400 registered apprentices are training in the State of Connecticut in high-skill careers that will provide lifetime experience and opportunity for achievement as well as contribute to the overall prosperity of our State and Nation; and

*W*HEREAS, over 1,000 registered apprentices will complete their programs this year and continue on to become masters of their craft, and will one-day pass on their skills to future apprentices; and

*W*HEREAS, over 1,600 active apprenticeship sponsors ensure Connecticut's registered apprentices follow rigorous work and training schedules to become highly-skilled members of the workforce; and

*W*HEREAS, apprenticeship programs are available through numerous educational institutions, including Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee schools, Connecticut Technical High Schools, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and many private providers of related classroom instruction to ensure that apprentices combine technical knowledge with their workplace skills; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut residents can find State-approved apprenticeship programs meeting quality and ethical standards by visiting the website www.ctapprenticeship.com; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 as

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.

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GOVERNOR