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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize November 12-18, 2017 as “Montana Apprenticeship Week.”

Montana’s economy is strong and among the best in the nation. In order to promote further growth, we must educate and train our workforce.

Apprenticeships are an opportunity for workers-in-training to gain firsthand experience and learn the skills necessary for success in a wide array of occupations. Apprenticeship training can also lead to ‘prior learning’ credits and help students earn a college degree. Upon completing their training, apprentices receive a nationally recognized industry credential from the Montana Department of Labor & Industry.

For Montana’s businesses, apprenticeships provide the opportunity to grow and expand their talent pipelines through a custom tailored training model to teach hard and soft skills for their industry. Apprenticeship programs also reduce turnover rates, increase productivity and lower the cost of recruitment.

“Montana Apprenticeship Week” is an opportunity to highlight the many benefits apprenticeship training has for Montana’s workforce and businesses. Maintaining Montana’s highly skilled workforce is critical to the continued success of our economy, and apprenticeships play an essential role in that effort.

I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge November 12-18, 2017 as “Montana Apprenticeship Week.”

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor