

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

May 6 – May 10, 2019

as

GOING PRO IN MICHIGAN SIGNING WEEK

WHEREAS, estimates show that Michigan will experience a Professional Trades talent gap, which includes more than 545,000 job openings by 2026, due to the emergence of new technologies and retiring baby boomers; and,

WHEREAS, Professional Trades careers let you leverage your talents and work ethic to help design and build a future that is vital to keeping Michigan healthy, strong and growing; and,

WHEREAS, good-paying jobs in Michigan don't always require a four-year degree, but most good-paying careers require some sort of postsecondary education credential, be it a federally-recognized apprenticeship, industry recognized certification or two-year associate degree; and,

WHEREAS, Professional Trades careers pay about 45 percent higher than other occupations with a median salary of \$54,000, providing stability to Michiganders with little to no student debt; and,

WHEREAS, high-skilled, high-demand registered apprenticeship program opportunities will continue to be afforded to Michiganders by Organized Labor with supporting programs such as Going PRO; and

WHEREAS, careers in the Professional Trades include opportunities in emerging industries like information technology, computer science, health care, advanced manufacturing, construction and automotive; and,

WHEREAS, throughout this week we aim to elevate the perception of Professional Trades and showcase the variety of rewarding career opportunities available when you commit to work in a Professional Trade or apprenticeship in Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 6-10, 2019, as Going PRO in Michigan Signing Week to acknowledge, honor and encourage high school seniors who are pursuing postsecondary education and skills training in order to enter a career in the Professional Trades.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

