PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR
OF PUERTO RICO

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National Apprenticeship Week

WHEREAS: The Puerto Rico Department of Economic Development and Commerce, through its Labor Development Program, manages a variety of initiatives directed towards the development of skilled workers and the increase of educational and entrepreneurial opportunities;

WHEREAS: The Registered Apprenticeship Program, which is attached to the U.S. Department of Labor, is administered locally by the Labor Development Program. This program provides a formal training structure based on the needs of employers, where the employee receives on-the-job training, in order to improve their performance and obtain a national recognition credential;

WHEREAS: The Labor Development Program is entrusted to support all initiatives aimed at expanding this program at both the local and national levels. To this end, the U.S. Department of Labor has declared November 11-17, 2019 as National Apprenticeship Week, in order to promote the opportunities for occupational improvement and recognize the achievements of employers, educational institutions, and their apprentices;

WHEREAS: For the second year in a row, Puerto Rico joins this celebration with a commitment to fully develop this program. Fiscal year 2018 closed with two (2) registered programs and during FY 2019, we have increased it to eight (8) registered programs. These are: Lufthansa Tecnik in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico Industries for the Blind in Mayagüez, Collins Aerospace in Santa Isabel, Gatec, Inc. in Caguas, Adaptive Construction Solutions, LíUna Training Foundation, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the National Restaurants Association;

THEREFORE: I, WANDA VÁZQUEZ GARCED, Governor of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Puerto Rico do hereby proclaim November 11 through 17, 2019, NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK. In so doing, I encourage the promotion and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in Puerto Rico, responding to workforce challenges in the 21st century.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I sign the foregoing and cause to be affixed on it, the Great Seal of the Government of Puerto Rico, in the City of San Juan, on this 30th day of October, 2019.

Promulgated according to the Law, today, October 30, 2019.

MARÍA A. MARCANO DE LEÓN
Acting Secretary of State

WANDA VAZQUEZ GARCED