

Rep. Frederick offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 202.

A resolution to declare November 13-19, 2017, as Apprenticeship Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The National Apprenticeship Act was passed August 16, 1937, thereby establishing the National Registered Apprenticeship system, a comprehensive system of partnering among employers, labor, educational institutions, and federal and state governments to shape skilled training for American workers; and

Whereas, The Office of Apprenticeship, USDOL, was created to work jointly with labor and industry for the purpose of promoting and expanding the apprenticeship concept to produce competent, motivated, and versatile craft persons to meet the nation's skilled workforce needs, and

Whereas, Registered apprenticeships offer an important post-secondary pathway for our residents, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training, resulting in a nationally and industry recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for Michigan businesses; and

Whereas, Programs at the federal, state, and local levels ensure that registered apprenticeships are a viable opportunity for interested parties. Registered apprenticeships are privately funded, therefore requiring no use of public tax dollars; and

Whereas, In fiscal year 2016, Michigan ranked eighth in the country with 13,753 active apprentices and ranked fourth with 999 active apprenticeship programs. The completion rate of registered apprenticeships (38 percent) is higher than all but two community colleges in Michigan; and

Whereas, The path to moving Michigan forward is through greater levels of education and training, aligned with employer needs, leading to more economic opportunity for Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 13-19, 2017, as Apprenticeship Week in the state of Michigan.