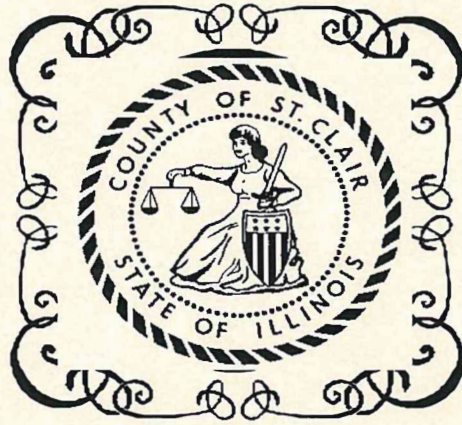


# County of St. Clair

County



Board

## Proclamation

NOVEMBER 17 -23, 2024

### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in St. Clair County and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Clair County recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Clair County recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, provides a critical talent pipeline that can train and build up our workforce to address our nation's pressing issues such as responding to climate change, modernizing our cybersecurity response, addressing public health issues, and rebuilding our country's infrastructure.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, *Mark A. Kern, County Board Chairman*, do hereby proclaim November 17 – November 23, 2024, as **National Apprenticeship Week** throughout St. Clair County.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of St. Clair County to be affixed.

Done at the Courthouse in Belleville, Illinois  
this 14th day of November in the Year of Our Lord  
two thousand twenty-four

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Kern', is written over a horizontal line.

MARK A. KERN, Chairman  
St. Clair County Board

