



# Proclamation

Presented by  
State Representative  
David Friess

In recognition of National Apprenticeship Week

## Illinois Laborers' and Contractor's Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to the people of Illinois by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the advancement and well-being of Illinois depend upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; 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**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Illinois economy and provide 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**, the State of Illinois recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David Friess, Illinois State Representative, do hereby declare November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024, as National Apprenticeship Week in the State of Illinois.



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