

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Belleville, Illinois, 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**, the City of Belleville 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, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belleville 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, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2023, **National Apprenticeship Week** in Belleville.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2023.

*Patty Gregory*

Patty Gregory, Mayor

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023

