

Mayoral Proclamation National Apprenticeship Week November 13-19, 2023

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are vital components of talent development in many high demand and high growth sectors and are recognized as critical postsecondary education training ground for future employment; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has pledged major resources to support apprenticeship in an effort to boost vocational education, workforce training, and job creation. The apprenticeship programs help enhance economic vitality and create a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington recognizes the strength and leadership displayed by apprentices. This results from the dedication and generosity of sponsors and participating employers who provide meaningful educational opportunities through on- the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction, which serves to enhance the economic vitality of Bloomington; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13-19, 2023, National Apprenticeship Week will commence in Bloomington. The City of Bloomington commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses will help to improve Bloomington's workforce and grow our economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby proclaim **November 13-19, 2023, as National Apprentice Week** in the City of Bloomington.

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mayor