Proclamation

WHEREAS:

National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th 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 Macomb 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:

Macomb 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:

Macomb recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to goodpaying, 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, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of the City of Macomb, Illinois do hereby proclaim November 13, 2023, through November 19, 2023 as:

National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Macomb

and urge the community to learn more about the importance of registered apprenticeships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Macomb, Illinois, to be affixed this 5th day in the month of October in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

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