

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its ninth 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 Peoria 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, Peoria 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, Peoria recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, creates 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 core economy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rita Ali, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, do hereby recognize November 13 through November 19, 2023, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

In Peoria, Illinois.

Dated this 14th day of November 2023 A.D.

Rita Ali

MAYOR