

The Gateway of Little Egypt

## The City of Salem, Illinois

Birthplace of William Jennings Bryan and the G.I. Bill of Rights

## Proclamation

By The Mayor

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 8th 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 Salem, 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 Salem, Illinois 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, the City of Salem, Illinois recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address 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 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Nicolas A Farley, Mayor of** the City of Salem, Illinois, do hereby declare November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Salem.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Salem, Illinois to be affixed in the City of Salem, this fourteenth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand twenty-two and the one hundred and ninety-ninth year since the founding of Salem, Seat of Marion County, Illinois.

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