

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are vital components of talent and development in many high-demand and high-growth sectors and are recognized as critical post-secondary 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; and*


*WHEREAS, 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 Belleville 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 our community; and*

*WHEREAS, on April 26-May 2, 2026, National Apprenticeship Week will commence in the United States. The City of Belleville commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses will help to improve our workforce and grow our economy.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 26-May 2, 2026, National Apprenticeship Week in Belleville.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.*



Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor  
Dated this 20th day of April, 2026

*Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future*

