

Proclamation

National Apprenticeship Week 2026



Whereas, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

Whereas, Lake Land College recognizes the pivotal role educators, school counselors, and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to students and parents, but also serving as training providers, program sponsors, and intermediaries, and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Effingham, Illinois economy; and

Now, Therefore, I, Mike Schutzbach, Mayor of the City of Effingham, do hereby declare April 26 to May 2, 2026, as

National Apprenticeship Week 2026

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Effingham to be affixed this 14th day of April 2026.



Mike Schutzbach

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Mayor