PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026
April 26 - May 2

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

NOW, THEREFORE I, Craig Smith, Mayor of the City of Paris, Illinois, do hereby declare April 26 to May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Paris.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2026

THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF PARIS, ILLINOIS

Craig Smith, Mayor