## **HOLLY'S HOUSE OF HOPE - NAW PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Madison County, Illinois and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Holly's House of Hope recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly-skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Holly's House of Hope 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, Holly's House of Hope recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model is recognized as a key strategy to creating access to good-paying, dignified jobs for all deserving young adults, including those who are uniquely-abled, and thereby making Madison County workplaces more welcoming and inclusive while responding to area economic need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tammy J. Wrobbel, President of the Board of Holly's House of Hope call upon Madison County Illinois area employers to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 13 through November 19, 2023.

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