

The Illinois House of Representatives Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 6th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating a qualified and highly-skilled workforce in diverse industries in Illinois and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, there are more job openings than job seekers in the United States, and the expansion of apprenticeship will help bridge the skills gap to fill these jobs; and

WHEREAS, Illinois recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for the job seekers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Illinois Representative Jay Hoffman hereby declare November 8, 2020, through November 14, 2020, as National Apprenticeship Week in Illinois



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay C. Hoffman".

**Jay C. Hoffman
IL House of Representatives
113th District**