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## PROCLAMATION NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK NOVEMBER 17-23, 2024

*WHEREAS, the St. Paul Church of God in Christ Community Development Ministries, Inc. (SPCDM) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and*

*WHEREAS the United States currently faces a skills gap in the number of qualified and available historically underserved, hard-to-serve, minority and women populations entrance into the trades to supply the needs across the building construction trade industry and*

*WHEREAS, SPCDM's pre-apprenticeship program is uniquely capable of providing the academic and work-based training skills required for entry into a U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program and*

*WHEREAS, SPCDM will host a ceremony on November 18, 2024, to celebrate the achievements of our 2024 pre-apprenticeship graduating class of men and women and start the next class with a group of newly enthused participants who look forward to becoming skilled tradespeople. The event is open to community guests, friends, and family.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, St. Paul Church of God in Christ Community Development Ministries, Inc. calls upon the communities throughout Illinois to recognize the value of apprenticeships and promote industry awareness and expansion during the Fifth Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Week.*



IN SUPPORT,

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*"For No Man Stood So Tall as to Stoop to Help a Child and Fallen Humanity"*