



Office of the Mayor  
**PROCLAMATION**

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**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play 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**, the Village of Hoffman Estates' recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce that can meet the current and future demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hoffman Estates' 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**, organizations such as I-CAR are advancing workforce development by creating U.S. Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship programs within the automotive collision repair industry, including I-CAR's Registered Apprenticeship Program, launched in July 2025 — helping to equip the next generation of technicians with the skills, credentials, and hands-on experience needed to succeed in an evolving automotive landscape.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT I**, William D. McLeod, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Laws of this Village of Hoffman Estates, hereby proclaim **April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**, as

## **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

in the Village of Hoffman Estates and encourage our citizens and business owners to join in its observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the Village of Hoffman Estates at my office on this **20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**.

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William D. McLeod, Mayor