



WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to developing a highly skilled workforce that supports our state economy and helps Illinois businesses thrive; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a strong career pathway that provide employees the opportunity to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeships result in obtainment of an industry-recognized credential and embody the highest competency standards, instructional rigor, and quality training of all career-based programs of study; and,

WHEREAS, apprenticeships support employers to cultivate high-quality talent pools that grow their businesses and address their workforce needs; and,

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact apprenticeships have on Illinois youth, adults, businesses, and the Illinois economy as a whole;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2017, as NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Illinois in support of meaningful career pathways to promote jobs and economic prosperity.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this NINETEENTH *day of* OCTOBER *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH *.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR