

**PROCLAMATION
National Apprenticeship Week**

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 7th 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 well-paying careers in the City of Ottawa and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ottawa 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, the City of Ottawa recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, provides a critical talent pipeline that can train and build up our workforce to address our nation's pressing issues such as responding to climate change, modernizing our cybersecurity response, addressing public health issues, and rebuilding our country's infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne A. Eichelkraut, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem on behalf of the City Council do hereby declare November 15, 2021, through November 21, 2021, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Ottawa

PROCLAIMED this 19th day of October, 2021.



Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr.
Wayne A. Eichelkraut, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem