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## PROCLAMATION

### 9TH ANNUAL NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

*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. SPCDM has a historic twenty-three (23) year record of assisting/placing individuals into the various skills trades and*

*WHEREAS, SPCDM will host an Orientation and Pre-Testing on November 14 through November 22, 2023, for its next class opening for men and women with a desired passion for a career path in becoming skilled tradespeople. The event is open to the community to learn the criteria of the next step to uplift their economic stability with a living wage, portable credentials, medical benefits, and a pension.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, SPCDM calls upon the communities throughout the great state of Illinois to recognize the value of apprenticeships and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the ninth anniversary of:*



IN SUPPORT,

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