

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

NOV. 17-23

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th 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 good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in the Kansas City vicinity 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 Full Employment Council recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

WHEREAS, Full Employment Council has provided more than 500 Registered Apprenticeships since 2015, including nearly 300 participants in the Childhood Development Associate Registered Apprenticeship Training Program in 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, Full Employment Council 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, Full Employment Council recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clyde McQueen, President and CEO of Full Employment Council, call upon our local employers, education institutions and community partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 17 through November 23, 2024.

Signed this 31st day of October,



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