

Proclamation

WHEREAS: registered apprenticeships are vital components of talent and development in many high demand and high growth sectors and are recognized as critical post-secondary education training ground for future employment; and

WHEREAS: the United States has pledged major resources to support apprenticeship in an effort to boost vocational education, workforce training and job creation; and

WHEREAS: the apprenticeship programs help enhance economic vitality and create a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers; and

WHEREAS: the City of Belleville recognizes the strength and leadership displayed by apprentices. This results from the dedication and generosity of sponsors and participating employers who provide meaningful educational opportunities through on-the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction, which serves to enhance the economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS: on November 12-18, 2018, National Apprenticeship Week will commence in the United States. The City of Belleville commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses will help to improve our workforce and grow our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 **National Apprenticeship Week** in Belleville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future



Mark W. Eckert
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor
November 5, 2018