



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