



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, apprenticeship helps fulfill the nation's need for skilled workers and helps Oklahoma compete more effectively in the global economy; apprenticeship also contributes to Oklahoma's economic development, sustained economic growth, and state security; and

WHEREAS, on-the-job training opportunities increase career options for many Oklahomans, including minorities, women, dislocated workers, and youth, while also meeting employers' needs for skilled workers—many apprentices are training in high-growth jobs that require considerable hands-on practice and direct experience in the field; and

WHEREAS, since the late 1930's, many employers in Oklahoma have been participating in Registered Apprenticeship and thousands of individuals have completed their Registered Apprenticeship throughout the state in both union and non-union programs; and

WHEREAS, currently more than 150 companies in Oklahoma offer Registered Apprenticeship training to over 2,100 active apprentices and apprenticeship opportunities continue to expand to new industries; and

WHEREAS, as the economy changes and expands, the demand for skilled workers will continue to increase and Registered Apprenticeship is a time tested and proven method of ensuring that the demand can be met, not only in Oklahoma, but nationwide as well; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships between community colleges, the Department of Workforce Development, and local workforce centers, apprenticeship programs will endeavor to keep Oklahoma on the cutting edge of economic growth throughout the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICK CORNETT, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13-19, 2017, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Oklahoma City.

Given under my hand and the Seal of The City of Oklahoma City this 31st day of October, 2017.

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Mick Cornett in black ink.

Mayor Mick Cornett

Handwritten signature of Franca Lewis in blue ink.
City Clerk