

# PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia believes strongly in finding and developing our young people to be able to adapt and find success in the workforce. They must be properly prepared, educated, and trained in order to meet the standards required by their future employers. Particularly, our at-risk and in-need populations of our City can be lifted from the disabling impact of poverty by these students, youth, and adult learners becoming better prepared for job markets and assisting citizens to realize their full potential through vocational training and apprenticeship programs. The City of Philadelphia strongly encourages these initiatives and thanks those organizations striving to provide these essential opportunities for our students.

President Barack Obama brought Registered Apprenticeship into the national spotlight in his 2014 State of the Union address, and set a goal to double the number of apprentices over a five-year period nationwide. The National Registered Apprenticeship System was established to provide a renewed focus on expanding these apprenticeship positions and has taken a leading role in creating new opportunities and building the skills of our current labor corps. Apprenticeships serve in filling any potential voids in the workforce.

The National Registered Apprenticeship System, a function of the U.S. Department of Labor, has a network of over 150,000 employers in more than 1,000 occupations. The department is sponsoring National Apprenticeship Week during the week of Monday, November 13 to Sunday, November 19, 2017, to offer leaders in business, labor, education, and other critical partners to express their support for apprenticeship programs, and showcase them to the community.

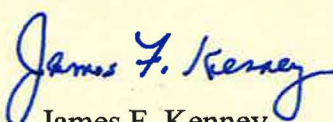
In Philadelphia, the program is being coordinated with the support of Philadelphia Works, Inc., a nonprofit agency working to connect employers to workforce talent and career seekers to jobs, and Apprenticeship Southeast Pennsylvania (SEPA) a regional collaborative of workforce development boards, employers, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, unions, and other partners who work together to promote, develop, and expand apprenticeship programs in the region.

## THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia do hereby proclaim the week of Monday, November 13 to Sunday, November 19, 2017 to be

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of workforce development through job training and apprenticeships to create a more inclusive and economically viable City, and commend those organizations and people working to create more apprenticeship opportunities for the workers in our City and region.

  
James F. Kenney  
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this thirteenth day of November, two thousand and seventeen

