



## *Mayor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS** this year will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship Act signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 16, 1937 which established the National Apprenticeship system;

**WHEREAS** the National Apprenticeship Act established a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor, educational institutions, and federal and state government which has shaped skill training for succeeding generations of Wyoming workers;

**WHEREAS** for 80 years Apprenticeship has provided and continues to provide state of the art training using an 'earn while you learn' model that has and continues to offer a pathway to the middle class and a sustainable career for Wyoming citizens;

**WHEREAS** Apprenticeship is an important post-secondary pathway for Wyoming workers, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training, resulting in a nationally and industry recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for Wyoming employers, associations and unions;

**WHEREAS** the Apprenticeship system has continually modernized and developed innovative training approaches to meet the workforce needs of industry to address the evolving challenges of staying competitive in today's - and tomorrow's - global economy;

**WHEREAS** in Pine Bluffs there is one sponsor (employer) offering apprenticeship training in two (2) occupations, to ten (10) apprentices registered with the National Apprenticeship system;

**WHEREAS** the celebration of Pine Bluffs Apprenticeship Week would honor and encourage industries who utilize or could benefit from the Apprenticeship model to train Pine Bluffs workers and recognize the role the Apprenticeship system has played in preparing apprentices for sustainable careers with family sustaining wages:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Alan Curtis, Mayor of the Town of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, hereby designate November 13<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 as

### **"PINE BLUFFS APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Town of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

Alan Curtis  
Mayor