


# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** women make significant contributions to our communities and should receive equal opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** women have historically been excluded from apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful careers with family-supporting wages; and
- WHEREAS,** apprenticeship is a critical pathway for women to participate fully and equally in our city's growing economy; and
- WHEREAS,** apprenticeships help alleviate racial and gender disparities in the workforce by providing more opportunities to women and communities of color; and
- WHEREAS,** apprenticeships are partnerships between industry, labor, education and government, with a shared commitment to help thousands of workers compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle recognizes organized labor's longstanding efforts and commitment to developing high-quality apprenticeship programs and highly skilled workers, especially in the construction trades; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle prioritizes the inclusion of women in apprenticeship programs - today's observance provides an opportunity to acknowledge the skills, dedication and leadership of many women who improved our city, state and nation through their contributions in every sector of the workforce;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, TIM BURGESS, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY  
PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 16, 2017 TO BE*

## **Women in Apprenticeship Day**

  
Mayor Tim Burgess  
City of Seattle

