Proclamation

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

In Honor of National Apprenticeship Week

November 12-18, 2018

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week was established by President Barack Obama in 2013 to raise public awareness of the vital role played by the country’s Registered Apprenticeship system in preparing a knowledgeable, qualified, competent, and highly-skilled U.S. workforce, and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are important post-secondary pathways offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training that result in nationally and industry-recognized occupational credentials that ensure higher earnings for graduates; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that 95 percent of those who complete Registered Apprenticeship programs find employment with average wages above $50,000; and

WHEREAS, For every dollar a business invests in an apprenticeship program, a $1.47 increase in productivity and job creation is realized; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, the U.S. Department of Labor has registered more than 70,000 apprenticeship programs with over 700,000 active apprentices, while in Georgia, over 800 Registered Apprenticeship programs serve over 10,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, WorkForceAtlanta implements the City of Atlanta’s YouthBuild program, which along with the YouthBuild programs of Cobb C.I., Fulton Schools, St. John’s Heart of the Community, and Urban League of Greater Atlanta – a founding member of the Metro Atlanta YouthBuild Collaborative (M-AYBC); and

WHEREAS, M-AYBC, in partnership with the Atlanta & North Georgia Building Trades Council, offers pre-apprenticeship training programs that focus on skilled trade construction careers, which lead to placement in high-demand registered apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, The City of Atlanta wishes to honor industries and programs that use the registered apprenticeship model, recognizing its importance and present its role in responding to workforce challenges in the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE, the members of the Atlanta City Council, hereby declare November 12-18, 2018 as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Atlanta.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

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