Whereas, the City of California, Missouri recognizes that continued economic prosperity demands an agile, innovative, world-class workforce possessing the highly sought-after proficiencies and hands-on experience necessary to thrive in a 21st Century global economy; and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship is a premiere training model and viable career pathway for preparing American workers for lucrative and rewarding careers in growing industries, and in assisting employers within those industries develop stable workforce talent pipelines; and

Whereas, Registered Apprenticeship flourishes in traditional industries such as construction and manufacturing, it is also highly compatible with efforts to meet workforce skills training and professional development needs for emerging industries such as information technology, health care and energy; and

Whereas, Missouri’s Workforce System helps to promote, and establish Registered Apprenticeship programs through productive partnerships with business and labor organizations, secondary and post-secondary institutions, industries and employers; and

Whereas, Missouri currently has more than 430 Registered Apprenticeship programs, 13,000 active apprentices and thousands of participating employers; and

Whereas, this year marks the 81st anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship Act, which directed the United States Department of Labor to work with industry and states to promote apprenticeship programs across the country, and to formulate and promote labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices:

Now Therefore, I, Norris Gerhart, Mayor of the City of California, do hereby proclaim November 12-17, 2018 in association with National Apprenticeship Week, to be:

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS WEEK IN MISSOURI

Norris Gerhart
Mayor, City of California