WHEREAS, There are 18 different trades represented by the East Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, representing over 5,500 local union members; and

WHEREAS, There exists a need of the construction unions to train and maintain the most skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of the industries in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The institution of registered apprenticeship programs has proven to be the most effective method for the transfer of traditional knowledge and skill from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, Registered and graduate apprentices understand the perseverance, technical aptitude, and team work required on the construction workplace; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship is the proven vehicle to incorporate training on new and emerging technologies that will secure the nation's ability to sustain and help rebuild infrastructure in an increasingly competitive global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Locally, apprentices are trained with experienced journeypersons for a period of 3-5 years; each trade spends thousands per apprentice as they earn a wage while learning tuition-free; and

WHEREAS, The City of Champaign commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses aids in improving Champaign's workforce and growing our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah Frank Feinen, Mayor of the City of Champaign, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Champaign, Illinois

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal Of the City of Champaign to be affixed this 13th day of November, 2018.

Deborah Frank Feinen, MAYOR