WHEREAS, the United States has pledged major resources in support of apprenticeships to boost vocational education, workforce training and job creation. The registered apprenticeship programs help enhance economic vitality and create a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers; and

WHEREAS, as a community we acknowledge that registered apprenticeships have played an important role throughout our nation’s history over the last 80 years; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship helps the city of Dallas compete more effectively in the global economy and contributes to the economic development, sustained economic growth and state security; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs have met the skilled workforce needs of the city of Dallas, training thousands of qualified individuals for lifelong careers and this November marks the Fourth Annual National Apprenticeship Week; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship ensures quality training by combining on the job training with related theoretical instruction and helping mobilize the workforce in traditional industries, like construction and manufacturing, as well as the fields of healthcare, information technology, energy and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is a weeklong celebration that offers leaders in business, labor, education, and other critical collaborators a chance to express their support for apprenticeship, highlighting the benefits of preparing a highly-skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of employers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS, mayor of the city of Dallas, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12-18, 2018, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Dallas, Texas.