WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are vital components of talent development in many high demand and high growth sectors and are recognized as critical post-secondary education training ground for future employment; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City of Galesburg recognizes the strength and leadership displayed by apprentices. This results from the dedication and generosity of sponsors and participating employers who provide meaningful educational opportunities through on-the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction, which serves to enhance the economic vitality of Galesburg; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Galesburg commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses will help to improve Galesburg's workforce and grow our economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Pritchard, Mayor of the City of Galesburg, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, as:

"National Apprenticeship Week"

Dated this 1st day of November 2018.

Mayor John Pritchard