WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week was established by President Barack Obama in 2015 to raise public awareness of the vital role played by the country’s Registered Apprenticeship system in preparing a knowledgeable, qualified, and highly-skilled U.S. workforce. National Apprenticeship Week is a week-long celebration that offers leaders in business, labor, education, and other critical partners a chance to express their support for apprenticeship, highlighting the benefits of preparing a highly-skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of employers across diverse industries; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is an important pathway offering hands-on experience that combines on-the-job training and applicable classroom instruction that results in nationally and industry-recognized occupational credentials; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs provide a pathway to meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships offer employers a highly skilled and competent workforce, increased productivity, reduced turnover, and reduced risk of workers' compensation costs; and

WHEREAS, apprentices learn from highly-trained skilled journeymen and potentially benefit from higher wages after completion of an apprenticeship program; and

WHEREAS, efforts to increase career awareness through apprenticeship programs means increased opportunities for low-income, underrepresented populations, such as women, veterans, foster youth, and post-release populations; and

WHEREAS, Columbia College has been awarded three California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) grants from the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office since 2016. The CAI grants have allowed Columbia College the opportunity to develop apprenticeship programs in hospitality management, child development, and a pre-apprenticeship program in fire science, all of which make a positive impact on individuals, businesses and the local economy; and

THEREFORE I, Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, President of Columbia College do hereby proclaim November 12 - 18, 2018 as “NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”.

Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay
President
Columbia College