WHEREAS, apprenticeships offer employers the opportunity to develop a skilled and productive workforce while growing their businesses; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is dedicated to providing education and training to ensure that our workforce is qualified for the high-demand jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 2007, Apprenticeship Carolina, a program of the SC Technical College System, has grown apprenticeships in the state at a phenomenal rate, broadening the scope to include nontraditional industry sectors such as healthcare, information technology, tourism and advanced manufacturing as well as the traditional trades like construction, electrical and plumbing and military (South Carolina National Guard); and

WHEREAS, the expansion of programs, such as the increasingly popular youth apprenticeship component, has resulted in the growth and diversity of apprentices in our great state, including higher numbers of female and minority apprentices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is delighted to recognize the importance of apprenticeships in the city and across the state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim November 12 - 16, 2018 to be

National Apprenticeship Week

in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

Stephen K. Benjamin
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