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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, impending retirements of highly-skilled and experienced workers will leave employers at a disadvantage when competing for business;

WHEREAS, Industry image and recruiting issues have left and will leave employers scrambling for qualified employees;

WHEREAS, employees completing a certified apprenticeship program can expect to earn $300,000 more over their lifetime;

WHEREAS, every dollar invested by employers on apprentice training certified by the Department of Labor, yields a return of a dollar and a half on that investment;

WHEREAS, students in apprenticeship programs earn while they learn thereby reducing student debt;

WHEREAS, celebration of National Apprenticeship Week honors industries that use the registered apprenticeship model; encourages and recognizes the implementation of the nationally registered apprenticeship model; promotes the conversation about the ways the apprenticeship can continue to respond to the needs of the 21st century workforce challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Illinois Valley Building and Construction Trades Council promise to take measure of heir current and future skills need during National Apprentice Awareness Week, November 12-18, 2018.

We further call upon all Building and Construction Trade Partners to recognize the purpose and value of nationally certified apprentice training and to pursue industry advancement, awareness and expansion.

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