WHEREAS, the demand for skilled workers continues to increase in Jefferson County, and the modern Registered Apprenticeship system is a proven method for meeting this demand; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a unique flexible training system that combines job-related technical instruction with structured, paid, on-the-job learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship training programs keeps pace with advancing technologies and work-based innovations, and allow individuals to obtain quality training, occupational licensing, and an opportunity to earn a livable wage.

WHEREAS, today, in Jefferson County, employers, business associations and unions support Modern Registered Apprenticeship programs, and recognize that they contribute to increased hiring rates and lower unemployment by adding to the number of trained workers; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 300 active apprentices in more than 20 skilled occupations and 19 bona-fide registered apprenticeship programs in Jefferson County that are helping prepare for the economic development and growth of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, of the State of Colorado, that the week of November 12–18, 2018 be declared as Apprenticeship Week throughout Jefferson County.

Dated: September 19, 2018