

# City of Cape Girardeau



## Proclamation

*Whereas*, the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri recognizes that our economy demands an agile, world-class workforce with post-secondary education credentials and the ability to respond to immediate and future business and economic needs swiftly and proficiently; and

*Whereas*, Registered Apprenticeship is an essential component of effective talent development strategies utilized in many thriving business sectors, and has proven to be an exceptional path to attaining high-quality post-secondary education, training and employment; and

*Whereas*, Registered Apprenticeship flourishes in traditional industries such as construction and manufacturing, it is also highly compatible with efforts to meet workforce training and development needs in emerging industries such as healthcare and energy; and is a proven leader in preparing American workers to compete in a global 21st Century economy; and

*Whereas*, the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor helps to administer Apprenticeship USA, establishing Registered Apprenticeship programs – in partnership with State Apprenticeship Agencies, employers; business and labor organizations; institutions of higher learning; and employment and job training agencies – to provide enhanced opportunities for workers seeking high-skilled, high-paying jobs, and employers seeking to build a qualified workforce; and

*Whereas*, Missouri currently has more than 12,300 registered apprentices; and

*Whereas*, apprentices who successfully graduate from registered apprenticeship programs promote economic vitality by enriching America's workforce with well-trained, competitive professionals equipped with United States Department of Labor certified occupational training and education credentials that are widely recognized by both employers and academic institutions.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Harry Rediger, Mayor of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, do hereby declare November 14-20, 2016

*National Apprenticeship Appreciation and Awareness Week*



*In Witness Whereof* I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of *November*, 2016

*Harry Rediger*

Harry Rediger, Mayor