Office of the Mayor

City of Saint Louis

Proclamation

WHEREAS

In partnership with the United States Department of Labor, the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) and the City of St. Louis are commemorating National Apprenticeship Week from November 14 through November 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this weeklong commemoration emphasizes the importance of apprenticeship career pathways, the process of learning new trades and professions from experienced mentors, and their ability to lay a strong, long-term talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, for employers who establish apprenticeships within their organizations, such training offers continuous business growth, a more diverse workforce, heightened productivity and reduced turnover; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, SLATE helped create Building Union Diversity (BUD) in cooperation with local organized labor and the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD); and this successful pre-apprenticeship program is helping women and minorities explore different construction trades; and

WHEREAS, community awareness and increased participation in apprenticeships will allow many St. Louisans to better their careers and lives.

Now, therefore, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14 through November 20, 2016, as:

"NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 14th day of November, A.D. 2016.

Francis G. Slay
Mayor of the City of Saint Louis

Attest

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