STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, apprenticeships offer employers in every industry the tools to develop a highly skilled workforce to help successfully grow their business; and,*

***WHEREAS**, apprenticeships offer opportunities to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers; and,*

***WHEREAS**, apprenticeships embody the highest competency standards, instructional rigor, and quality training of all career-based programs of study; and,*

***WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for the nation's apprenticeship community to tell the story of apprenticeship and is an invitation to business and industry, educational institutions, career seekers, community-based organizations, students, and workers to learn about the real world advantages of apprenticeships; and,*

***WHEREAS,** National Apprenticeship Week is a unique chance for employers to plan and host events that showcase leadership, raise awareness, and promote the value of career-based training systems and create signature events locally, regionally, or nationally; and,*

***WHEREAS**, Illinois consortia like the Central Illinois Center of Excellence in Secure Software and the Illinois Consortium for Advanced Technical Training are furthering apprenticeships in Illinois by hosting events that put a spotlight on the value of apprenticeships and raising public awareness during National Apprenticeship week;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2016, as **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK** in Illinois in support of meaningful pathways to promote jobs and economic prosperity.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this TWENTY-FIRST *day of* SEPTEMBER*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* SIXTEEN*, and of the State of Illinois, one hundred and* NINETY-EIGHTH*.*

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR