HEART OF THE NATION

KANSAS CITY
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Proclamation

ESTABLISHING THE SECOND ANNUAL 'NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK' IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, *President Barack Obama proclaimed the week of November 2, 2015 as the First Annual National Apprenticeship Week. This year, the Second Annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place November 14-20, 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Kansas City, Missouri recognizes the economy demands a workforce with post-secondary education credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and*

WHEREAS, *registered apprenticeship is a vital component of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors and is recognized as a critical post-secondary education, training, and employment option; and*

WHEREAS, *registered apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers and providing workers with skills versatility, potable credentials recognized nationally and often globally; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Kansas City, Missouri recognizes the strength and leadership which results from the many sponsors of registered apprenticeship programs; and*

WHEREAS, *the sponsors have offered solid educational opportunities through on the job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction which serves to enhance the economic vitality of our city by providing a well-educated, high skilled, and certified workforce; and*

WHEREAS, *the registered apprentices demonstrate diligence, perseverance, and teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable, capable, and credentialed members of the workforce.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Sylvester James, Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the citizens of this great city and the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2016 as the Second Annual 'National Apprenticeship Week' in Kansas City, Missouri.*

Sylvester "Sly" James Jr., Mayor
City of Kansas City, Missouri