

*Metropolitan Government of Nashville  
and Davidson County*



*Office of the Mayor*

***A Proclamation Proclaiming National Registered Apprenticeship Week  
November 14 – 20, 2016***

***WHEREAS***, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Apprenticeship Act in 1937 and the State of Tennessee recognizes its strength and leadership. This Federal Law was the first National effort to develop a comprehensive system of Apprenticeship in the United States, which protects the welfare of Apprentices by establishing National Standards of Apprenticeship Training and ensuring that employers have the support to develop a competitive work force; and

***WHEREAS***, statistics indicate Tennessee is facing a shortage of skilled labor; and

***WHEREAS***, registered apprenticeships are a win-win situation, with employers reaping benefits by gaining skilled workers trained for job-specific skills and reducing turnover and worker compensation costs due to an emphasis on safety training; and

***WHEREAS***, registered apprenticeships provide Tennesseans with the opportunity to gain and improve their trade and craft skills and knowledge while being employed; and

***WHEREAS***, the Registered Apprentices in the State of Tennessee demonstrate diligence, perseverance and teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable, capable and credentialed members of the workforce; and

***WHEREAS***, the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship in the State of Tennessee has taken the lead in advancing this program with the result of thousands of people who have been trained for skilled jobs through registered apprenticeship training; and

***WHEREAS***, the U.S. Labor Secretary, Thomas E. Perez supports and recognizes Registered Apprenticeship Week and the expansion of registered apprenticeship training programs throughout the country.

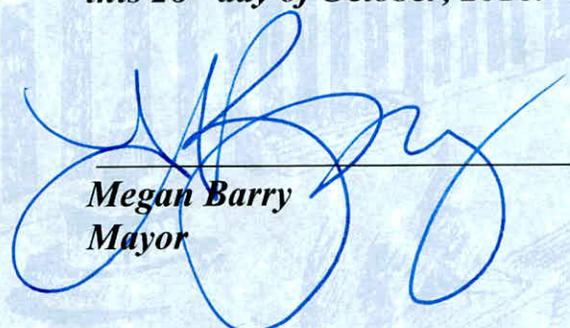
***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that I, Megan Barry, Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 20, 2016, as

**NATIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County to recognize the significance of registered apprenticeship programs that prepare our workforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



*I have hereunto set my hand on  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.*

  
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**Megan Barry**  
**Mayor**