



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, we are at a time when the nation needs skilled workers and apprenticeship helps Oklahoma compete more effectively in the global economy and contributes to Oklahoma's economic development, sustained economic growth, and state security; and

**WHEREAS**, ApprenticeshipUSA ensures quality training by combining on-the-job training with theoretical instruction and these training programs serve a diverse population, including minorities, women, dislocated workers, and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, over 100 Oklahoma companies currently offer registered apprenticeship training to nearly 2,000 active apprentices and we are working to increase the opportunities; participating industries include construction, HVAC, plumbing, lineman, electrician, machinist, sheet metal, police officer, cosmetology, refinery operator, airframe mechanic, powerhouse mechanic, water and wastewater treatment plant operator, instrument technician, structural steel/ironworker and process technology; and

**WHEREAS**, since the late 1930's, many employers in the State of Oklahoma have been participating in ApprenticeshipUSA and thousands of individuals have completed their registered apprenticeship throughout the state in both union and non-union programs; and

**WHEREAS**, as the economy changes and expands, the demand for skilled workers will continue to increase and registered apprenticeship is a time tested and proven method of ensuring that the demand can be met, not only in Oklahoma, but nationwide as well; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama established a goal of doubling the number of Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the U.S. in the next five years—accordingly, in partnership with the community colleges, the Department of Workforce Services and local workforce centers, Apprenticeship USA will endeavor to keep Oklahoma on the cutting edge of economic growth throughout the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICK CORNETT**, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-20, 2016, as

## **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

in Oklahoma City.

**Given under my hand and the Seal of The City of Oklahoma City this 1st day of November, 2016.**

Attest:

