# Proclamation

## St. Louis County, Missouri

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis County recognizes that our economy demands an agile, world-class workforce with post-secondary education credentials and the ability to respond to immediate and future business and economic needs swiftly and proficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship is an essential component of effective talent development strategies utilized in many thriving business sectors, and has proven to be an exceptional path to attaining high-quality post-secondary education, training and employment; and

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship flourishes in traditional industries such as construction and manufacturing, it is also highly compatible with efforts to meet workforce training and development needs in emerging industries such as healthcare and energy and is a proven leader in preparing American workers to compete in a global 21st century economy, including more than 12,300 registered apprentices currently in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the office of apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor helps to establish registered apprenticeship programs – in partnership with employers, business and labor organizations, institutions of higher learning, and local and state governments – to provide enhanced opportunities for workers seeking high-skilled, high-paying jobs, and employers seeking to build a qualified workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, apprentices who successfully graduate from registered apprenticeship programs promote economic vitality by enriching America's workforce with well-trained, competitive professionals equipped with United States Department of Labor certified occupational training and education credentials that are widely recognized by both employers and academic institutions;

**NOW,** therefore I, Steven V. Stenger, St. Louis County Executive, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-20, 2016, as

## National Apprenticeship Week

in St. Louis County, Missouri.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of St. Louis County to be affixed.

County Executive
St. Louis County

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