



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, *National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Rockford and across the nation; and*
- WHEREAS, *Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and*
- WHEREAS, *Rockford recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship is expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and*
- WHEREAS, *Rockford recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues;*

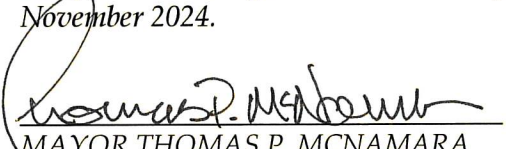
NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby proclaim November 17th – 23rd, 2024 to be:

“NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”

in Rockford, Illinois and urge all citizens to recognize and support the purpose and value of Registered Apprenticeship training.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 18th day of November 2024.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD