## PROCLANATION ENDORSING NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 2021 AS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 7th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships play in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to well-paying careers in Illinois, Georgia, Nichigan, Texas, California and the DNV area.

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, AS Peoria recognizes the role of apprenticeships in 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 and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to the community; and WHEREAS, AS Peoria recognizes that apprenticeships, a proven and industry-driven training model, provides a critical talent pipeline that can train and build up our workforce to address our community's pressing issues such as responding to climate change, maintaining our shared public spaces, addressing public health issues, and rebuilding our community's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, AS Peoria values a high-quality workforce with an emphasis on professionalism, diversity, equity and inclusion, succession planning, competency, and organizational growth; and

WHEREAS, AS Peoria has developed an Information Technology Apprenticeship Program to support internal promotion and career development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed the AS Peoria's leadership does hereby declare November 15, 2021, through November 21, 2021, as:

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 15th day of November 2021, in Peoria, Illinois.

