

# Proclamation

## Town of Normal, Illinois

WHEREAS,

National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 8th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating a qualified and highly-skilled workforce in diverse industries in the Town of Normal and across the nation, and;

WHEREAS,

the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields, and;

WHEREAS,

there are more job openings than job seekers in the United States, and the expansion of apprenticeship will help bridge the skills gap to fill these jobs, and;

WHEREAS,

Normal recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers, and;

WHEREAS,

McLean County has union construction trade apprenticeships and is exploring new industries to include in apprenticeship programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Christopher Koods, Mayor of the Town of Normal, do hereby proclaim:

November 14, 2022 through November 20, 2022

as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

In the Town of Normal and urge all citizens to recognize the essential role apprenticeships play in our workforce.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Normal to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



Christopher Koods, Mayor  
Incorporated Town of Normal  
County of McLean  
State of Illinois