



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

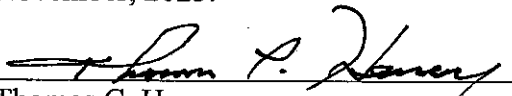
- WHEREAS,** National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role registered apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and by preparing educational pathways to highly technical jobs and well-paying careers in the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County and across Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Wayne acknowledges that the Indiana Union Construction Industry makes a private industry investment of more than \$54 Million dollars annually. This investment supports 14 registered building and construction trades apprenticeship training programs; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2013, the Indiana Union Construction Industry has increased their apprentice intake by 78%. Currently over 8200 Hoosiers are actively earning and learning through an apprenticeship with the Indiana union building and construction trades; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Wayne recognizes that the Indiana Careers in Construction Association (ICCA) plays an integral role in workforce development by creating awareness of career pathways to the union construction industry. In 2022, ICCA's Built to Succeed program exposed over 28,000 Hoosiers to the benefits of careers in the construction industry through in-person outreach events; and
- WHEREAS,** 84% of Indiana's female apprentices and 80% if Indiana's African American apprentices receive their training from a registered union apprenticeship training program. The union construction industry provides paths for all qualified individuals, including those from underserved populations, women, people of color, and from all religions to become apprentices and participate in Indiana's industry and economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS C. HENRY,** Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2023, as

### NATIONAL APPRENTICE WEEK

in Fort Wayne, encouraging all citizens to duly note this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Office of Mayor, City of Fort Wayne, Indiana to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

  
Thomas C. Henry  
Mayor

