

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
COMMISSIONER STEVE GELLER
BROWARD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship method of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction is found worldwide and has consistently been proven to be an effective, efficient, and economical way to pass on trade and craft skills and knowledge needed by the builders of a country's economy, and

WHEREAS, since being incorporated into state law 60 years ago, Florida's Apprenticeship Program has successfully taught tens of thousands of students critical, industry-identified skills and knowledge, enabling apprentices to take their places as sought-after, skilled craft persons, a diversification that helps keep our economy growing by building upon enduring strengths, and

WHEREAS, those students who complete the Apprenticeship Program consistently earn as they learn with a guaranteed wage increase as they develop new skills, and

WHEREAS, research shows that Florida's apprentices seldom require public assistance and are likely to remain in the high-skill, high-wage fields in which they received their training, and

WHEREAS, Broward's current Apprenticeship Program has trained over 2,000 apprentices in 23 programs throughout Region 8, and 17 Programs throughout Region 9, and

WHEREAS, the registered apprenticeship system guarantees the availability of a quality workforce, trained to the exacting standards of Broward's trades, while at the same time improving the training standards of business and industry, and

WHEREAS, Broward's Construction Apprenticeship Program welcomes all apprentices 18 years of age and older without regard to gender or ethnicity, helping Broward's economy to flourish and maintain a competitive edge nationally and internationally through its diversified workforce, and

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that the effectiveness and uniqueness of Broward's registered Construction Apprenticeship Program is due, in part, to the unique cooperation and strong partnerships forged among the business and industry sectors, the Apprenticeship Program sponsors, the educational community, and the dedicated, highly motivated students in apprenticeship programs, and

WHEREAS, registered Apprenticeship Programs are an essential part of our educational system, and such programs are a critical component in the development and delivery of high-caliber and skilled craftspeople needed to continue the growth that has been Florida's hallmark, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

That **November 13-19, 2023**, is recognized as "NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK" in Broward County, Florida.

November 13, 2023
Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Geller".

Mayor