



**THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

~~ Greetings: Know this Proclamation is Presented to Honor:

National Apprenticeship Week

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th 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 Abilene 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, Abilene recognizes the 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 to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Abilene recognizes that Registered Apprenticeships are a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults.

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor and on behalf of the members of the City Council, I am pleased to proclaim November 13-19, 2023 in the City of Abilene as

"National Apprenticeship Week"



*In testimony whereof witness my hand
and the Seal of the City of Abilene
this the 13th day of November, 2023*

Weldon Hurt, Mayor