

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY

APRIL 30, 2025

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Day is celebrating its 11th 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 the Kansas City vicinity and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Full Employment Council, which is the official Public Workforce System for the region as designated by the United States Department of Labor and the State of Missouri, has provided more than 500 Registered Apprenticeships since 2015, including nearly 300 participants in the Childhood Development Associate Registered Apprenticeship Training Program in 2023-2024; and

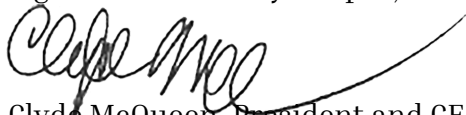
WHEREAS, Full Employment Council, the Kansas City and Vicinity Workforce Development Board and the Eastern Jackson County Workforce Development Board operate in partnership with the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Independence, Missouri, Jackson County, Clay County, Platte County, Cass County, and Ray County; and,

WHEREAS, Full Employment Council recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues; and

WHEREAS, Missouri currently ranks third in the nation for the creation of new Registered Apprenticeship programs, third in the nation for the number of active apprentices, and second in the nation for the number of completed apprenticeships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clyde McQueen, President and CEO of Full Employment Council, call upon our local employers, education institutions and community partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion on National Apprenticeship Day, April 30, 2025.

Signed this 23rd day of April, 2025,



Clyde McQueen, President and CEO
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