



*WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to developing a highly skilled workforce that supports our state economy and helps Illinois businesses thrive; and,*

*WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a strong career pathway that provide employees the opportunity to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers; and,*

*WHEREAS, apprenticeships result in obtainment of an industry-recognized credential and embody the highest competency standards, instructional rigor, and quality training of all career-based programs of study; and,*

*WHEREAS, apprenticeships support employers to cultivate high-quality talent pools that grow their businesses and address their workforce needs; and,*

*WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact apprenticeships have on Illinois youth, adults, businesses, and the Illinois economy as a whole;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2017, as **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK** in Illinois in support of meaningful career pathways to promote jobs and economic prosperity.*

**In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the**

*Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*

*this*            NINETEENTH *day of*            OCTOBER *, in*

*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*

           SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*

*one hundred and*            NINETY-NINTH *.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR