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Proclamation

**National Apprenticeship Week:
Celebrating Workforce Development and High-Quality Teacher
Training**

November 2023,

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an annual celebration that highlights the critical role apprenticeships play in building a skilled and inclusive workforce, and

WHEREAS, workforce development is essential for the growth and prosperity of our great state of Missouri, ensuring that individuals have the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their careers, and

WHEREAS, high-quality teacher training is the cornerstone of a robust education system, providing educators with the tools and expertise required to nurture the next generation of leaders, and

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship and mentorship models are a proven approach to bridging the skills gap, offering hands-on training and guidance to aspiring professionals, and

WHEREAS, affordability is a key consideration for individuals seeking to advance their careers through education and training, and

WHEREAS, efficient pathways to certification are essential to ensure that individuals can swiftly enter the workforce with recognized credentials;

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NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Missouri State Pathways for Paras Program, do hereby proclaim our support for National Apprenticeship Week and underscore the importance of:

- **Workforce Development:** We recognize the significance of workforce development in fostering economic growth and competitiveness. By investing in education and training, we empower individuals to contribute meaningfully to Missouri's economy.
- **High-Quality Teacher Training:** We acknowledge that high-quality teacher training is essential for providing our students with a world-class education. Educators play a pivotal role in shaping the future, and we commit to supporting their professional development.
- **The Apprenticeship and Mentorship Model:** We endorse the apprenticeship and mentorship model as a proven method for developing a skilled workforce. Through hands-on learning and mentorship, individuals gain valuable experience that prepares them for successful careers.
- **Affordability:** We affirm our commitment to making education and training affordable and accessible to all Missourians. Affordable pathways to skill acquisition and career advancement are vital for promoting economic equity.
- **Efficient Pathways to Certification:** We emphasize the need for streamlined and efficient pathways to certification, enabling individuals to quickly gain the credentials they need to enter the workforce and contribute to Missouri's prosperity.

During National Apprenticeship Week, we call upon all Missourians to recognize the value of apprenticeships, mentorship, and high-quality education and training. By investing in these principles, we strengthen our workforce, empower our educators, and ensure a brighter future for our state.

Signed,

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