

## **YOUTHBUILD ST. PAUL WEST SIDE NAW PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness of the role Registered Apprenticeship programs have as a proven pathway to successful careers, providing hands-on training, education, and skill development, ensuring young people are prepared for high-demand industries; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side empowers young people in our local community, offering opportunities to gain leadership skills, pursue educational advancement, and participate in service-oriented community-building projects while preparing for future careers; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week serves as an opportunity to highlight the role of apprenticeship in fostering economic growth, reducing unemployment, and creating pathways for all individuals, including opportunity youth, to secure sustainable and meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side supports young people through pre-apprenticeship programs that provide real-world experience in fields such as construction, healthcare, information technology, and green industries, fostering a diverse workforce that is prepared for the future; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between YouthBuild St. Paul West Side and young people strengthens local communities by developing skilled workers who are committed to service, leadership, and innovation, contributing to sustainable economic growth and social development worldwide; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side's focus on leadership and civic engagement fosters the empowerment of young people as change-makers, preparing them to lead in their communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce for those who have been disconnected from school or work, or adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural and tribal communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side recognizes the pivotal role educators/trainers, counselors, and pre-apprenticeship programs play in not only raising students', parents', and trusted guardians' awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities but also serving as training providers, sponsors, and intermediaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jill Johnson, Executive Director of the YouthBuild St. Paul West Side, call upon community leaders, educators, and local industry partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024.

IN SUPPORT,



Jill Johnson, M.A.  
Executive Director, YouthBuild St. Paul West Side

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jill Johnson'.