



PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING THE FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK MAY 5 THROUGH MAY 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer is committed to fostering a workforce that includes diverse, and highly skilled workers to strengthen our local economy and support our community's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, youth apprenticeship programs offer invaluable opportunities for employers to cultivate and mentor our future workforce, providing young career seekers with pathways to meaningful, well-compensated careers and the chance for professional growth; and

WHEREAS, the First National Youth Apprenticeship Week is from May 5 through May 11, 2024, marking a significant step towards enhancing vocational education and training across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week aims to elevate the profile of apprenticeships among young individuals, educators, parents, state agencies, and workforce development partners, underscoring the importance of apprenticeships as a viable and rewarding career trajectory; and

WHEREAS, the Don Young Alaska Job Corps and similar Infrastructure Academies are pivotal in equipping students with the skills necessary to tackle pressing workforce challenges in areas such as infrastructure renewal, clean energy initiatives, critical supply chain enhancements, and broadband expansion; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week is dedicated to spotlighting the essential role of youth apprenticeships in opening doors for young individuals to gain hands-on experience and earn while they learn, setting the foundation for successful careers.

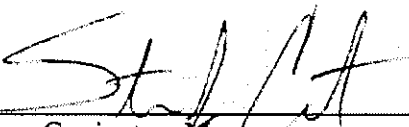
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Carrington, Mayor, together with the City Council, on behalf of the City of Palmer, do hereby declare May 5 through May 11, 2024, as

****Youth Apprenticeship Week****

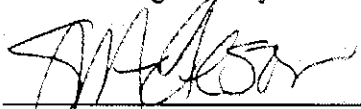
in the City of Palmer. We call upon all community members to participate in this significant observance, recognizing the transformative impact of youth apprenticeship programs on individuals' lives and our collective future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palmer to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2024. in the City of Palmer and urge all residents to join in this special observance.





Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly Acteson, CMC, City Clerk