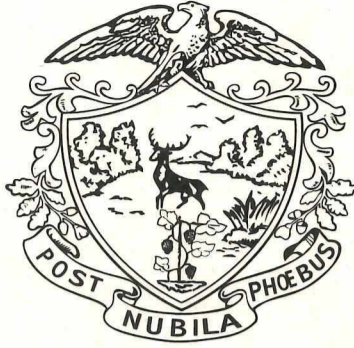


City of



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# Proclamation

By

The Honorable Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor

*WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that Youth Apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of Hartford by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers, and the ability to advance in those careers; and*

*WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is designed to increase awareness of Registered Apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners, industries and to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships as a pathway to careers; and*

*WHEREAS, this observance gives apprenticeship sponsors, career, and technical education (CTE) programs, employers, labor unions, workforce agencies and other diverse partners the opportunity to showcase the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs for youth and gives youth apprentices a platform to highlight their apprenticeship experience; and*

*WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of Hartford depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of youth and young adults who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and*

*WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Hartford economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Hartford recognizes that both Youth Apprenticeship, and other Registered Apprenticeship programs in general, are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Hartford has committed itself to strengthen talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – our future workforce; now, therefore, be it*

*PROCLAIMED, That I, Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor of the City of Hartford, along with the Court of Common Council and the citizens of Hartford do hereby proclaim May 5, 2024, through May 11, 2024 as Youth Apprenticeship Week,*

*In testimony of this Proclamation, I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hartford to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.*



Arunan Arulampalam  
Mayor