



Proclamation

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 the City of Sparks by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week is designed to increase awareness of Registered Apprenticeships among youth, educators, parents, state agencies, workforce partners and 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 the City of Sparks 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 Northern Nevada 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 Sparks 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 Sparks has committed itself to strengthening talent and development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – our future workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5-11, 2024 as:

“YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Lawson".

ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hunderman".

LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

