



## Legislation Text

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To designate the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> as National Apprenticeship week in the City of Columbus and urge business, industry, labor, and government leaders, to support apprenticeship programs and raise awareness regarding their contributions to our country.

**WHEREAS**, a skilled workforce is necessary to compete in the global economy and important to making the promise of a prosperous, growing American economy that works for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the "National Apprenticeship Act" was established on August 16, 1937 - creating a nationally registered apprenticeship system as an important pathway for workers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the nationally registered apprenticeship system was designed to offer academic and technical instruction; paid on-the-job training; provide nationally-recognized and industry-recognized credentials, increase earnings, and develop a higher skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 430,000 Americans participate in apprenticeships across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 87 percent of apprentices find employment after completing their program, with starting wages averaging above \$50,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that workers who complete apprenticeships and on the job training programs earn hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of their lifetimes than those who did not complete such programs; and

**WHEREAS**, employers also receive significant returns from apprenticeships - with benefits that include: increased productivity, reduced waste, and greater innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week recognizes the innovation and prosperity created by apprenticeships and encourages business, industry, labor, and government leaders to recommit themselves to supporting this pillar of economic growth and success, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

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