



Denis Law Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the rising costs of higher education and workforce training make registered apprenticeship an increasingly important and affordable career training pathway; and

*Whereas*, companies that employ a more diverse workforce see greater increases in productivity and profitability, as well as lower staff turnover; and

*Whereas*, economic equality for all is measured not only by protection from discrimination, but also by equitable access to quality job opportunities; and

*Whereas*, apprenticeships help alleviate racial and gender disparities in the workforce by providing more opportunities for women and communities of color; and

*Whereas*, apprenticeships are a critical pathway to participate fully and equally in our city's growing economy; and

*Whereas*, apprenticeships offer a gateway to the middle class, delivering opportunities for apprentices to earn and learn through structured on-the-job training and to receive credentials for achieving competency; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton recognizes organized labor's longstanding efforts and commitment to developing high-quality apprenticeship programs that foster highly skilled workers; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton places a priority on apprenticeship programs and today's observance provides an opportunity to acknowledge the skills, dedication, and leadership of the many people who improve our state and nation through their contributions in every sector of the workforce;

*Now, therefore*, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, to be

## *National Apprenticeship Week*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

