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