

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 7, 2017

To declare the week of November 13 through November 19, 2017, as “Apprenticeship Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the week of November 13 through November 19, 2017, is National Apprenticeship Week;

WHEREAS, the national registered apprenticeship system enables residents to earn while they learn and helps employers build a talented workforce by ensuring high-quality training;

WHEREAS, the average wage for a fully proficient worker who completes an apprenticeship translates to approximately \$60,000 annually, and apprentices who complete their program earn approximately \$300,000 more over their careers than non-apprenticeship participants;

WHEREAS, District law requires all contractors who contract with the city to perform construction, renovation, or information technology work of at least \$500,000 to register an apprenticeship program;

WHEREAS, District law requires all beneficiaries of city-contracted projects in excess of \$1 million that the District administers to register an apprenticeship program;

WHEREAS, District law requires that at least 35% of all apprentice hours performed pursuant to programs required by the above-referenced provisions be worked by District of Columbia residents;

WHEREAS, District law requires that at least 60% of all apprentice hours performed on construction projects with \$5 million or more of government assistance be worked by District of Columbia residents;

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WHEREAS, the vast majority of registered apprenticeship programs in the District are in the construction trades;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand apprenticeships in the other high-demand industries in the District, such as healthcare and information technology;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of apprentices are male; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that these opportunities are available to all residents, including women.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Apprenticeship Week Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares the week of November 13 through November 19, 2017, as “Apprenticeship Week” in the District of Columbia and encourages interested parties to contact the Department of Employment Services so District residents can learn how a registered apprenticeship can start them on a career path and District businesses can learn how operating a registered apprenticeship program can address their long-term hiring needs.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.