

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to family-wage careers in the City of Spokane and across our nation; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers and trainers to jointly develop and train their workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure portable, in-demand, and critical jobs. Registered Apprenticeship programs require thousands of hands-on training hours over three to five years, additional classroom training hours, safe journey-level-to-apprentice ratios; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, indigenous peoples, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and proudly contribute to America's workforce; and

WHEREAS, collectively, Spokane-area labor unions, businesses, academic institutions, social-service organizations and our entire community contribute to and benefit from Registered Apprenticeship programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 13-17 as

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in Spokane and ask the citizens of Spokane to join in the recognition of the themes this week as promoted by the U.S. Dept. of Labor: Nov. 13 Registered Apprentice for Youth; Nov. 14: Registered Apprenticeship in New & Emerging Industries; Nov. 15: Expanding Registered Apprenticeship in Underserved Populations; Nov. 16 Women in Registered Apprenticeship; and Nov. 17 Registered Apprenticeship for Veterans and Municipal Employees.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
13th day of November 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

