

City of Geneva, Illinois



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2014, President Barack Obama set a goal to double the number of Registered Apprenticeships over a five-year period nationwide and proclaimed the first annual National Apprenticeship Week in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Geneva is committed to developing a highly skilled workforce that supports the local economy and helps businesses thrive; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a strong career pathway that provide employees the opportunity to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers; and

WHEREAS, the rising costs of higher education makes apprenticeships an increasingly important career pathway leading to economic stability, especially for young adults not immediately pursuing college; and

WHEREAS, employers that establish apprenticeships have seen continued business growth, a more diverse workforce, greater productivity, and reduced turnover; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact apprenticeships have on our youth, adults, businesses and the local economy as a whole;

Now, Therefore, I, Kevin R. Burns, Mayor of the City of Geneva, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 8 – 14, 2020 as **APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in the City of Geneva and encourage all residents to join in recognizing the importance of involved workforce development through learn-and-earn programs like apprenticeships to create a more inclusive economy and brighter future.**

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand to be affixed this 19th day of October, 2020.*



Kevin R. Burns, Mayor