



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> 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 good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Fort Pierce and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce recognizes the role of registered apprenticeships in 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, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce recognizes Registered Apprenticeships, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2023 as:

***National Apprenticeship Week***

in the City of Fort Pierce and the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

