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***Proclamation in Recognition of National Apprenticeship Week***

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Orland Park 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; and

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 7th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating a qualified and highly skilled workforce in diverse industries in Orland Park and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

**WHEREAS**, an ever growing number of job creators and career seekers are discovering the benefits of apprenticeship's unique learn-while-you-earn model; and

**WHEREAS**, Orland Park recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith Pekau, Village President of Orland Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2021 through November 21, 2021, as National Apprenticeship Week in the Village of Orland Park 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.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2021

Keith Pekau, Village President  
Village of Orland Park