

**PROCLAMATION OBSERVING
NATIONAL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
P-2024-08**

WHEREAS, APPRENTICESHIPUSA is celebrating its first event raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provides in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in the City of Monroe, North Carolina 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 collaboration between educational institutions, businesses, and government entities is crucial in expanding and enhancing apprenticeship opportunities for the youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe, North Carolina recognizes and celebrates the importance of Registered Apprenticeship programs is inspiring more young individuals to pursue pathways that contribute to a skilled and prosperous workforce; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe, North Carolina is recognized as a Good Jobs Great Cities destination by the National League of Municipalities and the United States Department of Labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Burns, Mayor, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Monroe, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2024 as:

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in the City of Monroe, North Carolina. and encourage employers to create and expand apprenticeship opportunities, providing hands on learning experiences, mentorship, and career pathways. I also urge educational institutions to collaborate with industries and develop curriculum that aligns with the needs of apprenticeship programs. I further call upon government entities to provide resources, incentives, and policy support to foster the growth and accessibility of apprenticeship programs inclusive to all of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 9th day of April 2024.

Robert Burns, Mayor

Attest:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk