



Proclamation

WHEREAS this year will mark the 80th Anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship Act signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 16, 1937 which established the National Apprenticeship system;

WHEREAS the National Apprenticeship Act established a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor, educational institutions, and federal and state government which has shaped skill training for succeeding generations of Gillette workers;

WHEREAS for 80 years Apprenticeship has provided and continues to provide state of the art training using an 'earn while you learn' model that has and continues to offer a pathway to the middle class and a sustainable career for Gillette citizens;

WHEREAS Apprenticeship is an important post-secondary pathway for Gillette workers, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training, resulting in a nationally and industry recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for Gillette employers, associations and unions;

WHEREAS the Apprenticeship system has continually modernized and developed innovative training approaches to meet the workforce needs of industry to address the evolving challenges of staying competitive in today's (and tomorrow's) global economy;

WHEREAS in Gillette there are nine (9) sponsors (employers, unions) offering apprenticeship training in seven (7) occupations to 18 apprentices registered with the National Apprenticeship system;

WHEREAS the celebration of 'Gillette Apprenticeship Week' would honor and encourage industries who utilize or could benefit from the Apprenticeship model to train Gillette workers and recognize the role the Apprenticeship system has played in preparing Gillette apprentices for sustainable careers with family sustaining wages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of the City of Gillette, Wyoming recognize

November 13-17, 2017 as

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in the City of Gillette, Wyoming;

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Gillette, Wyoming to be affixed this 7th day of November, 2017.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

(Attest) Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk