



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 8th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to the people of Mississippi by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those careers; 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, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Mississippi economy and provides 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 State of Mississippi recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation's pressing workforce challenges; and

WHEREAS, Pascagoula and Jackson County are home to four Registered Apprenticeship programs, providing world-class training and career opportunities for our local residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Willis, Mayor of Pascagoula, Mississippi, do hereby declare November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022, as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Pascagoula.

Jay Willis
Mayor