

## **National Apprenticeship Week Proclamation**

**Whereas**, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 7th anniversary of raising awareness of the opportunities Registered Apprenticeships provide by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing them for well-paying careers; and

**Whereas**, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce with a proven and industry-driven model offering affordable career pathways to job seekers; and

**Whereas**, The **Craig City Council** recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship expands opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals in historically marginalized, underserved, and adversely affected by poverty, providing a path for all qualified individuals to build a career; and

**Whereas**, current and future shifts in Northwest Colorado industries will require reskilling opportunities for displaced workers that may still need to function as providers and apprenticeship offers an earn while you learn model, making it a valuable tool for revitalizing our economy;

**Whereas**, in late 2019 there were 12 registered apprenticeship programs in Northwest Colorado, 11 offered through TriState Generation and Transmission.

**Whereas**, in an effort to partner with industry to transition existing and create new apprenticeship opportunities, Colorado Northwestern Community College has developed and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor one of Colorado's first rural college sponsored, multi-employer apprenticeship standards.

**Therefore**, let it be known that we, the **Craig City Council** join communities around the country in recognizing November 15 to 21, 2021 as National Apprenticeship Week.

We celebrate Colorado Northwestern Community College's efforts in developing college-sponsored apprenticeships and their efforts to work with our employers to ensure apprenticeship continues to be a training option.

We encourage businesses and job seekers to learn more about apprenticeships and explore these new opportunities.

In Witness, whereof I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the **Craig City Council** to be herein affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

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Jarrod Ogden, Mayor