

**RESOLUTION 20-34**

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR  
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

**Whereas**, through its commitment to serving the Kaskaskia College District in many capacities to include, but not limited to: providing state of the art education and vocational training to the residents in this district and beyond, building strong partnerships with area business and industry to assist in supplying them with a skilled labor force, as well as forming strong regional partnerships with the many towns, villages, and cities within the Kaskaskia College District to assist in advancing economic development, Kaskaskia Community College District 501 is committed to the aforementioned partnerships to jointly combat the local, regional and nationwide skills gap in the manufacturing and vocational trades; and

**Whereas**, apprenticeships create a strong career pathway that provides employees the opportunity to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers; and,

**Whereas**, apprenticeships support employers to cultivate high-quality talent pools that grow their businesses and address their workforce needs; and,

**Whereas**, Kaskaskia College has extremely qualified and experienced faculty who have developed premier vocational programs to provide state of the art and affordable education to students seeking careers in the manufacturing and vocational industries; and

**Whereas**, on March 3, 2020, Kaskaskia College was certified by the United States Department of Labor to offer apprenticeship programs for Automotive Technician, Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Child Care Development Specialist, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Information Technology (IT) Security Specialist, Network & Computer System Specialist, Truck Driver, and Welder, thereby further enhancing employment and career advancement opportunities for students while at the same time providing the skilled workers' employers require; and,

**Whereas**, National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact apprenticeships have on Illinois youth, adults, businesses, and the Illinois economy as a whole.

**Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees No. 501 recognizes the week of November 8-14, 2020 as "National Apprenticeship Week" and the value of apprenticeship programs as an effective earn-and-learn model for students, workers, and employers; and supports the partnership between apprenticeship programs, workforce development, and career and technical education.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College

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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College