NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NATIONL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the **North East Independent School District** recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly-skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; 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 **North East Independent School District** recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Phil Steinert**, **Senior Director of Career and Technical Education** of the **North East Independent School District** call the **North East Independent School District** industry partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeships, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the tenth anniversary of National Apprenticeship Day, April 30, 2025.

IN SUPPORT,

Phil Steinert Senior Director of Career and Technical Education North East Independent School District