TEXAS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Texas Rural Water Association recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly-skilled workforce that can meet the demands of the water and wastewater utility industry we serve and fortify 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 Texas Rural Water Association recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that create a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, individuals from rural communities, justice-involved individuals, individuals with disabilities, and those who have been adversely affected by persistent poverty, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lara Zent, Executive Director & Chief Legal Officer of the Texas Rural Water Association call the rural water and wastewater industry partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeships, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Day on April 30, 2025.

IN SUPPORT,

Lara Zent, Executive Director & Chief Legal Officer

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