

# **National Apprenticeship Day Proclamation for Michigan Works! Region 7B Employment and Training Consortium**

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a proven, time-honored pathway to rewarding careers, allowing individuals to earn while they learn, gain hands-on experience, and develop the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand industries; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Works! Region 7B proudly supports apprenticeship programs as a key strategy to build a skilled workforce, strengthen our local economy, and bridge the gap between job seekers and employers across Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships promote equity by creating opportunities for people of all backgrounds, and by helping employers grow a diverse and talented workforce that meets the needs of today's rapidly evolving industries; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Works! Region 7B partners with local employers, educational institutions, labor organizations, and community leaders to support the development and expansion of apprenticeship programs that lead to long-term career success; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the apprentices, employers, mentors, and training providers whose commitment and collaboration make apprenticeship programs successful and impactful throughout our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lane Matthews, Apprenticeship Success Coordinator for Michigan Works! Region 7B, do hereby proclaim 4/30/2025, National Apprenticeship Day in Region 7B, and encourage all citizens, employers, and community partners to recognize the value of apprenticeships and to support their continued growth in our region and across the state of Michigan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this proclamation to be issued under the seal of Michigan Works! Region 7B on this day of 4/30/2025.

Signed,



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