NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY 2025 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Day is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the role Registered Apprenticeship Programs have as a proven pathway to successful careers, providing hands-on-training, mentorship, education, career advancement opportunities and ensuring people are prepared for high-demand industries; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Rural Water Association 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 pathways to good, quality jobs and well paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Rural Water Association 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 to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Rural Water Association recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Young, Executive Director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association call upon Kentucky's water and wastewater industry to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY
April 30, 2025

In Support,

Scott Young

Scott Young, Executive Director