



—Proclamation—

Recognizing National Apprenticeship Day & National University's Leadership in Expanding Access to the Teaching Profession

WHEREAS, teacher apprenticeships are a proven, high-quality, earn-and-learn model that empowers talented individuals to gain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a nationally recognized credential; *and*

WHEREAS, the nation is facing critical shortages of qualified K–12 teachers, with California among the states experiencing the most acute demand—particularly in smaller or rural communities; *and*

WHEREAS, National University, a veteran-founded, nonprofit institution based in San Diego, California since 1971, is a leading provider of teaching credential programs, serving more than 50,000 nontraditional, working, and military-connected learners; *and*

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor officially celebrates National University as the first veteran-founded institution of higher education in California to sponsor a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) for aspiring K–12 teachers; *and*

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship program represents a major step forward in expanding access to the teaching profession by blending academic preparation with paid, job-embedded training, removing financial barriers for aspiring educators; *and*

WHEREAS, National University partners with school districts in developing educator pipelines rooted in the communities they serve while advancing workforce development and educational attainment through *Whole Human Education™*;

NOW, THEREFORE, National University proudly honors National Apprenticeship Day on April 30, 2025, and affirms its commitment to innovating teacher preparation, strengthening community partnerships, and expanding access to meaningful careers in education, especially for National University “ANDers”—students who are learning while leading at work *and* for their families *and* in service of their communities across the United States of America.

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