FHI 360'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WORK AND LEARNING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Day is celebrating its 11th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Lake County, IL, Los Angeles, CA, and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the FHI 360's National Institute for Work and Learning (NIWL) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a 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, high-quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, NIWL recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce, thus providing a affordable path for all qualified individuals to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, NIWL recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is recognized as a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and investing in education, health, and social services to help people reach their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Johnson, Director of the National Institute for Work and Learning, call upon employers across industries to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Day: April 30, 2025.

IN SUPPORT,

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