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Whereas National Apprenticeship Day recognizes the vital role of Registered Apprenticeships in creating equitable opportunities for individuals to earn, learn, and advance along a clear pathway to quality jobs and well-paying careers in Early Childhood Education in Ohio; and

Whereas the Consortium of African American Early Childhood Educators (CAAECE) established the first Registered Apprenticeship program for Early Childhood Education in Ohio and remains committed to deep collaboration with community partners, including public and private high schools and early education organizations, to expand access to Early Learning Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships; and

Whereas Registered Apprenticeship programs equip employers to develop and retain a qualified workforce while offering individuals meaningful entry points into early education careers; and

Whereas CAAECE recognizes the importance of expanding workforce opportunities through Registered Apprenticeships and supporting all qualified individuals in becoming skilled professionals who contribute to Ohio's early learning system; and

Whereas CAAECE affirms that Registered Apprenticeship is a proven, industry-driven model for training and career advancement, and a key strategy for building a sustainable talent pipeline

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capable of transforming the future of Early Childhood Education in Ohio;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathleen Lamb Tyler, Chief Executive Officer of the Consortium of African American Early Childhood Educators, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, as:

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and call upon all stakeholders in the field of Early Childhood Education to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeships, raise awareness of their impact, and collaborate to strengthen and diversify Ohio's early learning workforce.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this [Day] of [Month], 2025.

Kathleen Lamb Tyler

Chief Executive Officer

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