

## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER NATIONAL TOOLING & MACHINING ASSOCIATION NAW PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is 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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA recognizes the urgent need to prepare machinists who play a critical role in the strength and sustainability of our nation's manufacturing sector, contributing to innovation, productivity, and economic growth through their precision and technical expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for skilled machinists continues to grow across industries, creating an urgent need for a new generation of trained professionals to meet workforce demands and uphold standards of quality and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide hands-on, real-world experience paired with classroom instruction, offering a proven pathway to high-paying, stable careers in the skilled trades; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while empowering individuals of all backgrounds to develop essential technical skills, earn while they learn, and build rewarding careers without the burden of student debt; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting and expanding machinist apprenticeship programs contributes to workforce development, community vitality, and the long-term success of American manufacturing.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Liz Blashock, Apprenticeship Program Manager, do hereby proclaim my full support for Registered Apprenticeship programs and encourage local manufacturing employers, educators, and policymakers to invest in and promote this essential initiative. Let us work together to ensure that the next generation of machinists are prepared to shape the future of industry with innovation, craftsmanship, and pride.

**IN SUPPORT,**



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