

## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Day is celebrated on April 30, 2025, to recognize the importance of apprenticeships in developing a highly skilled workforce and creating pathways for career seekers to enter in-demand jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeships provide valuable opportunities for individuals to gain hands-on experience, earn a competitive wage, and receive mentorship from industry professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, The Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio is committed to fostering educational excellence and workforce development through innovative apprenticeship programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center in the College of Education and Human Development collaborates with employers, industry representatives, labor organizations, community-based organizations, workforce partners, educational institutions, and governmental agencies to support and expand apprenticeship opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio provides bilingual paraprofessionals and teaching assistants with a pathway to earn a Bachelor's degree in Equity and Education and a Standard Teaching Certificate in bilingual education, offering alternate course schedules, professional learning activities, job-embedded apprenticeships, year-long teacher residencies, career transition guidance, and certification support; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Apprenticeship Day highlights the successes and value of registered apprenticeships in strengthening our economy and meeting industry needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Lorena Claeys, Director, on behalf of The Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center in the College of Education and Human Development, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, as **National Apprenticeship Day** in recognition of the vital role apprenticeships play in building a skilled workforce and providing career opportunities for individuals in our community.

**IN SUPPORT,**



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