

# COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECLARATION

**David Coulter**

*Hereby Issues This Special Proclamation Designating*

**April 30, 2025**

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## **National Apprenticeship Day in Oakland County, Michigan**

**WHEREAS** Oakland County, and its Oakland County Workforce Development Board, through its ongoing commitment to the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, understands the importance of Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the development of our future workforce and the constant need to expand the pipeline of skilled and educated talent available to employers; and

**WHEREAS** Oakland County, the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency and their partners have assisted businesses and labor partners with creating new, innovative Registered Apprenticeships across Oakland County; and

**WHEREAS** the number of participants in Registered Apprenticeship Programs across the country has doubled during the past decade to 660,500, with nearly 2,000 people in 74 Registered Apprenticeship Programs in Oakland County alone, and

**WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency secured millions of dollars in grant funds to support the development of Registered Apprenticeship Programs and provided 202 apprentices with the tools, equipment and supportive services needed to successfully participate in a Registered Apprenticeship Program in 2024; and

**WHEREAS** National Apprenticeship Day is highlighting the collective efforts among industries, employers, labor, educators and local, state and federal government and others to ensure the United States remains the global leader in the development of a highly skilled workforce through apprenticeships, and

**WHEREAS** Oakland County Michigan Works! is hosting a special Race to Talent™ event today to promote the benefits of a Registered Apprenticeship Program, in an effort to increase the number of employers interested in starting a Registered Apprenticeship Program,

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN** that I, David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, do hereby authorize the issuance of this special proclamation designating April 30, 2025, as National Apprenticeship Day in Oakland County, Michigan.

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**David Coulter**  
Oakland County Executive