



Apprenticeship Week / Month 2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, Denver Workforce, powered by ECKERD Connects and serving the City and County of Denver, Colorado, is a regional and national leader in advancing high-quality Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) by convening industry partners, aligning education and workforce systems, and strategically leveraging WIOA and other grant funding to expand equitable, paid career pathways for youth and adults ages 18–75; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a proven Denver Workforce Development model that meets current and future employer talent needs through structured training, paid on-the-job learning, and industry-recognized credentials, including pathways to licensed Journeyman and women in the trades; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeships provide meaningful career pathways for individuals entering the workforce and those seeking mid-career transitions by delivering in-demand skills, family-sustaining wages, long-term career advancement, and opportunities for economic mobility and wealth-building, including achieving financial milestones such as homeownership, reliable transportation, and long-term financial stability; and

WHEREAS, employers across Denver increasingly adopt Registered Apprenticeships, Youth Apprenticeships, Apprenticeship Readiness Programs (ARPs), and high-quality Pre-Apprenticeships as an equity-based talent strategy—utilizing Denver’s Pre-Apprenticeship-to-Registered Apprenticeship (PAP-to-RAP) model to build inclusive pipelines and expand access for people of color, women, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Denver Workforce collaborates with industry leaders offering Registered Apprenticeships in high-demand sectors including craft trades, construction, healthcare, financial services, information technology, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, transportation, education, and government; and

WHEREAS, we embrace this future by committing to bold, collaborative workforce strategies that will cultivate a skilled, diverse, and resilient talent pipeline, strengthening economic mobility and prosperity for all Colorado communities for generations to come.

THEREFORE, I, **Sean Quayle**, *Workforce Development Specialist (RAPS)*, hereby proclaim **April 2026 as Apprenticeship Month** and **April 26 through May 2, 2026, as Apprenticeship Week**.