



ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER NAW PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2026 marks awareness to the industry and showcase the successes and value of Registered Apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly-skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristin Bean, Executive Director of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water call upon Indiana's water and wastewater industry to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

April 26 - May 2, 2026

IN SUPPORT,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Bean".

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