

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Proclamation Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are a time-tested and industry-proven model for developing a highly skilled workforce through structured education, paid on-the-job training, and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Electrical Contractors is dedicated to advancing workforce development and strengthening the merit shop electrical and systems contracting industry through education, safety, and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, the IEC Apprenticeship Program equips apprentices with the technical expertise, critical thinking skills, and leadership foundation necessary to meet the evolving demands of modern electrical construction and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, IEC chapters and contractor members work collaboratively with industry partners, educators, and communities to expand access to high-wage, high-demand career opportunities and build a sustainable talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week recognizes the essential contributions of apprentices, instructors, contractors, and chapter leaders who invest daily in the future of the electrical industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Independent Electrical Contractors proudly proclaims April 26 to May 2, 2026 as National Apprenticeship Week 2026 and reaffirms its commitment to growing the next generation of skilled professionals who will power our nation's infrastructure and economy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is issued in recognition of IEC's continued leadership in apprenticeship, workforce development, and industry advancement.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2026.



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