

## PROCLAMATION

### National Apprenticeship Week

#### Ironworkers Local 25 Labor-Management Education Committee

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship is a proven workforce development model that combines structured on-the-job training with classroom instruction, allowing individuals to earn while they learn while building the skills necessary for lifelong, high-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ironworkers Local 25 apprenticeship program provides a direct pathway into the ironworking trade, offering individuals the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while receiving wages, healthcare, retirement benefits, and ongoing career advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, ironworkers are highly skilled professionals who construct and reinforce the buildings, bridges, and infrastructure that shape our communities and drive economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ironworkers Local 25 Labor-Management Education Committee (LMEC) is committed to expanding access to apprenticeship opportunities through outreach, education partnerships, and community engagement across Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeship creates opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds—including students, career changers, and veterans—to enter the workforce without incurring student debt while developing in-demand skills;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ironworkers Local 25 Labor-Management Education Committee proudly recognizes and celebrates National Apprenticeship Week, and reaffirms its commitment to developing the next generation of skilled ironworkers through training, mentorship, and opportunity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we encourage educators, workforce partners, and individuals across Michigan and the United States to explore and promote registered apprenticeship as a premier pathway to a successful and rewarding career in the ironworking industry.

**Adopted this 1st day of April, 2026**

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