



## HEALTH CARE INTEGRATED SERVICES NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Care Integrated Services (HCIS) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled healthcare workforce capable of meeting the current and future demands of the communities we serve, and acknowledges that California faces a documented shortage of Community Health Workers, Wellness Coaches, and behavioral health professionals in the very neighborhoods most impacted by health disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, HCIS recognizes the pivotal role that educators, school counselors, and educational institutions serve in bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to students and parents, and proudly operates school-based health clinics across 48 K–12 campuses in Los Angeles County, serving simultaneously as a healthcare provider, a training provider, an apprenticeship sponsor, and an intermediary connecting youth to sustainable healthcare career pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, HCIS proudly serves Los Angeles County Service Planning Area 6, including the communities of Compton, Watts, and South Los Angeles, and is expanding apprenticeship pathways into San Diego County, ensuring that Registered Apprenticeship opportunities reach the youth, families, and workforce populations who have historically been excluded from traditional career pathways; and

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**WHEREAS**, HCIS's Registered Apprenticeship pathways for Community Health Workers, Wellness Coaches, and Substance Use Disorder Counselors directly support California's investments through the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), CalAIM, the ACEs Aware Initiative, and the Department of Health Care Services Community Health Worker certification framework, advancing both workforce transformation and health equity; and

**WHEREAS**, HCIS believes that the future healthcare workforce must reflect the communities it serves, and that investing in young people, fosters youth, transition-age youth, and individuals with lived experience is both a workforce strategy and a community healing strategy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **Justin C. Miller, M.S.**, President of **Health Care Integrated Services**, do hereby recognize **April 26 through May 2, 2026** as **National Apprenticeship Week 2026** at HCIS, and call upon our staff, apprentices, students, school partners, healthcare partners, workforce development partners, and the broader community to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote its awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week and throughout the year.

**IN SUPPORT,**



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