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NORTHERN ILLINOIS

PAVING THE FUTURE

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2026 highlights the critical role Registered Apprenticeships play in developing a skilled workforce and strengthening our nation's infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association and OPCMIA Local 11 are committed to excellence in training, safety, and craftsmanship within the plastering and cement masonry trades; and

WHEREAS, OPCMIA Local 11's Registered Apprenticeship programs provide hands-on training, classroom instruction, and mentorship to prepare individuals for successful, high-demand careers as cement masons; and

WHEREAS, cement masons play a vital role in building and maintaining roads, bridges, foundations, and other essential concrete structures that support our communities; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeships create pathways to family-sustaining careers through paid training, progressive wages, and nationally recognized credentials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that OPCMIA Local 11 proudly recognizes **National Apprenticeship Week 2026** and reaffirms its commitment to training the next generation of skilled cement masons and plasterers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that OPCMIA Local 11 encourages industry partners, educators, and the community to support and promote Registered Apprenticeships as a vital workforce solution.

IN SUPPORT,



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