



NORTHWEST MICHIGAN WORKS!

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

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, Registered Apprenticeship is a proven, sustainable workforce development model that strengthens talent pipelines, supports long-term economic growth, and provides a reliable solution to evolving industry needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Willis, Director of Northwest Michigan Works! call upon stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week.

IN SUPPORT,

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Jessica Willis, Director, Northwest Michigan Works!