

STUDIO FARMER, INC.

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, allowing individuals to obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, on-site, hybrid and virtual classroom instruction, as well as a nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, **Studio Farmer, Inc.**, as a veteran-led organization, recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of Georgia's agribusiness technology sector and fortifying the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the **Atlanta Ag-Tech Analyst (AA) Conservation Corps** serves as a critical industrial engine for the City of Atlanta, utilizing a specialized "Work Experience (WEX)-to-On-the-Job Training (OJT)" pipeline to train Software Quality Assurance (QA) Analysts and Testers (SOC 15-1253.00); and

WHEREAS, this program uniquely integrates **NRCS Standard 374** into its curriculum, training apprentices to become technical guardians of energy-efficient environmental controllers and ensuring they are prepared for the emerging "Green and Resilient" job market; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships with the **SNAP-CORPS Labor Union** and **WorkSource Atlanta**, the AA Conservation Corps provides participants with a merit-based path to double their hourly wages—progressing from a \$16.67 subsidized stipend to a Journey Worker rate of over \$33.34; and

WHEREAS, Studio Farmer, Inc. is committed to equity and inclusion, establishing a definitive goal to enroll a cohort in which **75% or more of participants** are from underrepresented populations, including minorities, women, and veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Scott, Executive Director of **Studio Farmer, Inc.**, do hereby declare **April 26 to May 2, 2026**, as **National Apprenticeship Week 2026** at Studio Farmer Inc.

I CALL UPON our stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeships and to join us at our cornerstone event will mark the **launch of the Inaugural Georgia Certified Forester Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) May 2, 2026** in the Browns Mill Food Forest. We are pleased to announce the Georgia Certified Forester Registered Apprenticeship,

IN SUPPORT,

Dan Scott, Executive Director, Studio Farmer, Inc.

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