

# COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECLARATION

**David Coulter**

*Hereby Issues This Special Proclamation Designating*

**April 26 -May 2, 2026**

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## **National Apprenticeship Week in Oakland County, Michigan**

***WHEREAS** Oakland County, and its Oakland County Workforce Development Board, through its ongoing commitment to the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, understands the importance of Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the development of our future workforce and the constant need to expand the pipeline of skilled and educated talent available to employers; and*

***WHEREAS** Oakland County, the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency and their partners have assisted businesses and labor partners with creating and growing more than 80 Registered Apprenticeship Programs, involving 2,200 Registered Apprentices; and*

***WHEREAS** the number of Registered Apprenticeship Programs across the United States has grown to nearly 27,000 and the number of Registered Apprentices has more than doubled over the past decade to more than 700,000 participants; and*

***WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency has secured millions of dollars in grant funds to support the development and expansion of Registered Apprenticeship Programs, including the launch of six new programs and 10 existing ones over the past couple of years, plus provided 126 apprentices with the tools, equipment and supportive services needed to successfully participate in a Registered Apprenticeship Program in 2025; and*

***WHEREAS** 604 new and existing Registered Apprentices in Oakland County benefitted from training funded through the state's Going PRO Talent Fund during 2025;*

***WHEREAS** Oakland County Michigan Works! has hosted four special Race to Talent™ events over the past year to promote the benefits of a Registered Apprenticeship Program and recognize 30 employers and partners involved with successful programs; and*

***WHEREAS** multiple Talent Tours for students have been arranged by Oakland County Michigan Works! in partnership with employers to highlight various career opportunities, including Registered Apprenticeships; and*

***WHEREAS** Oakland County Michigan Works! has published the new Oakland County Registered Apprenticeship Guide, featuring 72 Registered Apprenticeship Programs in a broad range of industries, including the skilled trades, advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology, education and professional services; and*

***WHEREAS** National Apprenticeship Week is highlighting the collective efforts among industries, employers, labor, educators and local, state and federal government and others to ensure the United States remains the global leader in the development of a highly skilled workforce through apprenticeships,*

***NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN** that I, David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, do hereby authorize the issuance of this special proclamation designating April 26 to May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week in Oakland County, Michigan.*



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**David Coulter**  
**County Executive**