

LEARNING ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

2026 NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, HANDS-ON TRAINING, AND EARN-WHILE-YOU-LEARN OPPORTUNITIES THAT PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR MEANINGFUL, SUSTAINABLE, AND FAMILY-SUPPORTING CAREERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP (RAP)** PROGRAM ESTABLISHES NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS THAT PROMOTE PROGRAM QUALITY, STRONG INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT, WORKER PROTECTIONS, AND MEASURABLE WORKFORCE OUTCOMES; AND

WHEREAS, REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS REPRESENT A PROVEN, FEDERALLY SUPPORTED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MODEL THAT STRENGTHENS THE NATIONAL WORKFORCE, MEETS EMPLOYER DEMAND, AND EXPANDS ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEARNING ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING APPRENTICESHIP AND PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS ALIGNED WITH **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP (RAP) STANDARDS**, INCLUDING STRUCTURED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, RELATED TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION, PROGRESSIVE WAGE ADVANCEMENT, AND ATTAINMENT OF INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED COMPETENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEARNING ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVANCES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN CONSTRUCTION, SKILLED TRADES, AND THE **BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY**, SUPPORTING THE DEPLOYMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND EXPANSION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ESSENTIAL TO NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND DIGITAL EQUITY; AND

WHEREAS, APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING WITHIN THE BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR SUPPORTS FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE PRIORITIES BY PREPARING SKILLED WORKERS TO BUILD, EXPAND, AND MAINTAIN RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND NETWORKS ACROSS COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK** PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE AND IMPACT OF THE **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM**, AND TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF APPRENTICES, EDUCATORS, EMPLOYERS, SPONSORS, AND WORKFORCE PARTNERS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, THAT THE LEARNING ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HEREBY RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026**, HONORING REGISTERED APPRENTICES, SPONSORS, EDUCATORS, EMPLOYERS, AND PARTNERS WHO SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS ALIGNED WITH THE **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP (RAP)** FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING THOSE STRENGTHENING THE BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, THAT THE LEARNING ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP-ALIGNED PATHWAYS** THAT ADVANCE FEDERAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, ADDRESS HIGH-DEMAND INDUSTRIES, AND PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND LONG-TERM CAREER ADVANCEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 AND THE CONTINUED ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND INDUSTRY COLLABORATION THROUGH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS.

IN SUPPORT,



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