

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) raises annual awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands; and

WHEREAS, 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, the theme for the National Apprenticeship Week 2026 is “*America at Work: Making America Skilled Again Through Registered Apprenticeship*”; and

WHEREAS, as the Nation celebrates its 250th year and continues its reindustrialization under President Trump’s leadership, the NAW 2026 theme reflects Registered Apprenticeships’ prominence as a key strategy to ensure the American worker is equipped for the skilled jobs of today and tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim *April 26, 2026 to May 2, 2026*, as

“NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”

in the Greater Battle Creek Area and urge awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide and the importance of the work they do.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2026.



Mark A. Behnke, Mayor

