



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide celebration that raises awareness of the critical role Registered Apprenticeships play in meeting employer workforce needs, strengthening local economies, and creating pathways to high-quality, in-demand careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality workforce solutions that allow employers to develop and retain a skilled talent pipeline while providing individuals with paid, hands-on learning, mentorship, progressive wage increases, related technical instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, CareerRise is a workforce funders collaborative working in partnership with regional investors to increase economic mobility and regional prosperity by aligning employer demand with skilled talent supply; and

WHEREAS, through its Industry Partnerships initiative supported by WorkSource Metro Atlanta, CareerRise convenes employers, workforce organizations, education partners, and public agencies to design and scale effective workforce strategies, including Registered Apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and other work-based learning opportunities, in high-demand sectors across metro Atlanta; and


WHEREAS, CareerRise recognizes that apprenticeships are a proven strategy to expand access to sustainable wage careers for youth, young adults, and adults while helping employers address talent shortages, improve retention, and build pathways to career advancement; and

WHEREAS, strong collaboration among employers, educators, workforce providers, and community partners is essential to ensuring apprenticeships are accessible and aligned to the current and future needs of the regional economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that CareerRise proudly recognizes and celebrates **April 26 through May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week**, and calls upon employers, industry leaders, educators, workforce partners, policymakers, and community stakeholders across metro Atlanta to:

- Celebrate the value and impact of Registered Apprenticeships;
- Promote awareness of apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities; and
- Commit to expanding and strengthening apprenticeship pathways that support both business success and economic opportunity for all.

IN SUPPORT, CareerRise reaffirms its commitment to advancing apprenticeship as a cornerstone of the region's talent development strategy and to supporting employers and partners in building a skilled and resilient workforce.

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