

Proclamation

National Apprenticeship Week

Southeast Texas

WHEREAS, a strong and skilled workforce is essential to the economic vitality, sustainability, and growth of Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide proven, industry-driven solutions that enable individuals to earn wages while gaining valuable, hands-on training and nationally recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships create pathways to high-quality careers in high-demand industries including healthcare, construction, manufacturing, information technology, and other critical sectors across our region; and

WHEREAS, these programs strengthen partnerships between employers, educational institutions, and community organizations to meet workforce needs and expand opportunities for students and adult learners alike; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as **Edu-REACH, a division of Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN)**, are actively working to expand apprenticeship opportunities and connect education to workforce across Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide celebration that highlights the impact of apprenticeships in building a diverse, inclusive, and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Texas is committed to expanding access to apprenticeship opportunities that empower individuals, support local businesses, and strengthen our communities one person at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Don Amador*, Mayor, do hereby proclaim
April 27- May 1, 2026 as

National Apprenticeship Week

in Southeast Texas, and encourage all residents, businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to recognize the value of apprenticeships and support efforts to expand these opportunities throughout our region.

