



## JAG NEBRASKA

# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

*In Recognition of JAG Nebraska as the Premier Pre-Apprenticeship Program in the State of Nebraska*

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. 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, Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) Nebraska is a proven program that connects young people to meaningful career pathways through hands-on learning, mentorship, and skill development that prepares them for long-term success; and

WHEREAS, through strong partnerships with schools, employers, and community organizations, JAG Nebraska helps students build confidence, gain real-world experience, and take intentional steps toward financial security and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Labor has recognized JAG Nebraska as the premier pre-apprenticeship program in the state, reflecting its measurable results and lasting impact on students and our community; and

WHEREAS, United Way of the Midlands is proud to serve as a partner and connector, working alongside JAG Nebraska to ensure young people have access to opportunities that strengthen our workforce and support a thriving community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shawna Forsberg, President and CEO of United Way of the Midlands, do hereby recognize and celebrate JAG Nebraska for its leadership and impact in preparing the next generation of skilled professionals, and commend its role in expanding access to career pathways during National Apprenticeship Week.

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