

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

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, the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) Youth Committee will present “**Pathways to the Future, a Celebration of National Apprenticeship Week**” on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Raritan Valley Community College, giving attendees the opportunity to network and learn about Registered Apprenticeships available to the workforce-bound student; and,

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of our local economy, businesses, union organizations, school programs and service providers are invited to take part in the event as exhibitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners do hereby declare **April 26 to May 2, 2026 as National Apprenticeship Week** in Somerset County. We applaud the GRWDB Youth Committee for recognizing the value of Registered Apprenticeship and promoting awareness and expansion through this free **Pathways to the Future** event.


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