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AMIKids, Inc., Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship NAW PROCLAMATION

Proclamation: National Apprenticeship Week

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week recognizes the critical role Registered Apprenticeships play in creating opportunities for individuals to earn while they learn, develop industry-recognized skills, and build meaningful, well-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, *AMIKids, Inc.* recognizes the growing need for a skilled, adaptable, and workforce-ready marine trades industry to support the economic strength, sustainability, and continued growth of Florida's maritime communities; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs provide employers with the ability to train their future workforce while equipping apprentices with the technical knowledge, hands-on experience, and professional skills needed to succeed in high-demand careers within the marine service industry; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Service Technician Apprenticeship Program creates accessible pathways for youth and emerging professionals to enter the skilled trades, while expanding opportunities for individuals who have been historically underserved through equitable access to workforce training, mentorship, and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeships are a proven, industry-driven workforce model that strengthens local economies, supports family-sustaining wages, addresses workforce shortages, and prepares the next generation of skilled marine technicians through structured, hands-on training and real-world application; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Service Technician Apprenticeship Program demonstrates the value of experiential learning by connecting education, industry, and community partnerships to develop a pipeline of skilled professionals prepared to meet the evolving needs of the marine service sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roz Lewis, Marine Apprenticeship Coordinator, do hereby recognize April 26 through May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week, and call upon our community, industry partners, educators, and workforce leaders to recognize the value of Registered



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Apprenticeships and support their continued growth, awareness, and expansion within the marine service industry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in support of this proclamation.

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