

Proclamation



DC APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2026

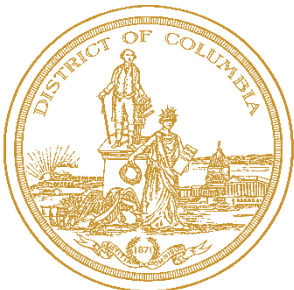
WHEREAS, DC Apprenticeship Week recognizes the vital role apprenticeships and employers play in developing a highly skilled workforce across all sectors in Washington, DC, and around the country; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 300 registered apprenticeship programs operating in the District of Columbia, providing diverse pathways into high-demand careers across multiple industries; and



WHEREAS, the District established the Pathways to Public Service apprenticeship program in 2024 to create opportunities for DC college graduates to enter public service through apprenticeships in non-traditional professional roles. It serves as a pipeline for career growth and professional development by connecting participants with the knowledge of agency leadership, management, and subject matter experts; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of apprenticeships enhances employment opportunities, boosts wages, enables employers to meet their staffing needs, and helps bridge the skills gap to fill in-demand jobs; and



WHEREAS, this year, as the District celebrates eighty years as a State Apprenticeship Agency, our robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to employers and apprentices through increased productivity, improved diversity and inclusion, reduced recruitment and training costs, and expanded pathways to fulfilling careers for job seekers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim April 26 - May 2, 2026, as “**DC APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**” in Washington, DC, and do commend observance to all Washingtonians.