



## **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

### **2026 PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands, developing a highly skilled workforce, and creating pathways for individuals to enter in-demand, high-wage careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while providing individuals with paid work experience, mentorship, progressive wage increases, related classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Community College recognizes the pivotal role that educators, workforce development professionals, and industry partners serve in promoting Registered Apprenticeship opportunities and preparing students and jobseekers for successful careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Community College serves as a training provider and intermediary, partnering with local employers and ApprenticeshipNC to deliver high-quality Related Technical Instruction and support the development of Registered Apprenticeship programs across key industries such as advanced manufacturing, electrical, and skilled trades; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely positioned to meet the evolving workforce needs of Wayne County and the State of North Carolina by strengthening the talent pipeline and supporting economic growth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Pfeiffer**, President of Wayne Community College, do hereby recognize April 26 through May 2, 2026 as National Apprenticeship Week 2026 at Wayne Community College, and call upon students, educators, employers, and community partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship and to promote its expansion and success.

**IN SUPPORT,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Pfeiffer'.

Dr. Patricia Pfeiffer  
President,  
Wayne Community College

