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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role USDOL Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. USDOL Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, USDOL 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, Michigan Works! West Central recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the current and future demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Keene, CEO of Michigan Works! West Central, call upon stakeholders to recognize the value of USDOL Registered Apprenticeship, awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week.

IN SUPPORT,

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