


City of   
**MEMPHIS**  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** **National Apprenticeship Week** (April 26 – May 2, 2026) highlights the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in strengthening our workforce and creating pathways to high-paying, in-demand careers; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Apprenticeships provide individuals with paid work experience, mentorship, progressive wages, classroom instruction, and nationally recognized credentials; and

**WHEREAS,** the Karen Hearts Foundation, a Memphis-based nonprofit, is committed to preparing a highly skilled workforce and advancing economic opportunity within our community; and

**WHEREAS,** since 2023, the Karen Hearts Foundation and its partners have expanded apprenticeship awareness, workforce training, and career readiness initiatives across Memphis; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Apprenticeships are essential to building strong talent pipelines and expanding access to meaningful career pathways for residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Memphis proudly recognizes **LaQuita D. Wright**, Executive Director of the Karen Hearts Foundation, and **Patrick Jenkins**, workforce development leader and employer partner, for their outstanding leadership as U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Ambassadors and their commitment to expanding opportunity and strengthening our workforce.

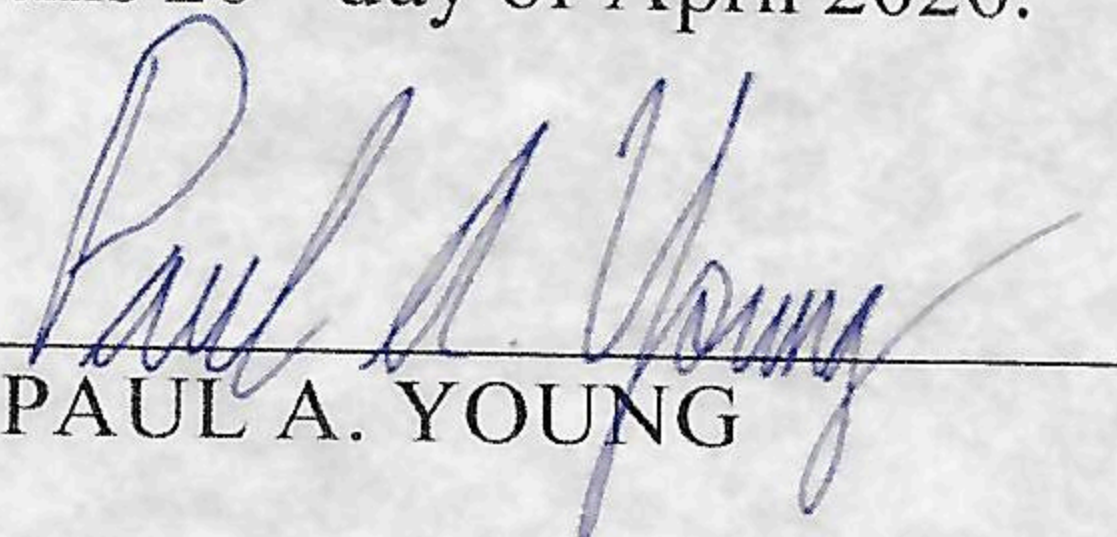
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL A. YOUNG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,** do hereby proclaim April 26 through May 2, 2026, as

**“NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”**

in Memphis, Tennessee, and encourage businesses, educators, and community partners to support and promote Registered Apprenticeship programs.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Memphis to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
PAUL A. YOUNG