

## **EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

## On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County, Maryland

**WHEREAS,** Youth Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its inaugural year of raising awareness of the vital role that Youth Apprenticeships play in providing job opportunities and pathways to the people of Anne Arundel County by allowing youth apprentices to earn while they learn and advance into good, quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS,** The advancement and well-being of Anne Arundel County depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of youth and young adults who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the Anne Arundel County economy and provide a path for all qualified individuals to become apprentices and contribute to our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County recognizes that both Youth Apprenticeship and other Registered Apprenticeship programs are proven, industry-driven training models that foster improvements in job quality while creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County has committed itself to strengthening talent development pipelines for all industry sectors that simultaneously open the doors of opportunity to youth and young adults – our future workforce.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2024, through May 11, 2024, as YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

STEUART L. PITTMAN

County Executive

May 5, 2024

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