

SAFAL PARTNERS NAW PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Safal Partners recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly-skilled workforce that can meet the demands of the technology industry, cybersecurity field, and employers across every industry and sector that hire for critically-needed IT, tech, and cyber occupations; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship has been proven as a time-tested model enabling employers to realize positive return on investment for developing and training their tech and cyber workforce while offering apprentices an industry-validated pathway to good, quality jobs providing family-supporting pay and industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS, Safal Partners recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Safal Partners has worked to close the opportunity gap for historically underrepresented populations in the field of cybersecurity and technology sector as a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) National Industry Intermediary for apprenticeship expansion by supporting 1828 new apprentice registrations in 36 months, 82 percent of whom were from those aforementioned demographics; and

WHEREAS, Safal Partners, as a DOL Industry Intermediary leader and a national Registered Apprenticeship program sponsor, is recognized as part of the [White House National Cybersecurity Workforce and Education Strategy](#),

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mukta Pandit, President and Founder of Safal Partners, call upon all industries to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 9th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 13 through November 19, 2023.

IN SUPPORT,



Mukta Pandit, President and Founder, Safal Partners

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