

## WESLEYLIFE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> 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 fulfilling careers; and

WHEREAS, WesleyLife — along with our intermediary sponsor, Hamilton-Ryker TalentGro — recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly skilled workforce that is capable of exceeding the expectations of the individuals served; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train future workers while offering pathways to fulfilling careers; and

WHEREAS, WesleyLife — along with our intermediary sponsor, Hamilton-Ryker TalentGro — recognizes the role of registered apprenticeship in expanding workforce opportunities that include 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, those in rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities to become apprentices, find pathways to fulfilling careers, and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, WesleyLife — along with our intermediary sponsor, Hamilton-Ryker TalentGro — recognizes that registered apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality and creating access to fulfilling jobs and careers for all while addressing national workforce challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, WesleyLife calls upon our partners in the service of older adults to recognize the value of registered apprenticeship and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 13 through November 19, 2023.

IN SUPPORT,



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Johnston, Iowa