

## THE FARGO MOORHEAD METROPOLITAN REGION NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** 2023 marks the 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

**WHEREAS** National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its ninth 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 in the communities of the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS** Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to high skills valued by industry to secure high-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS** the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Area recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that connect 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, people of color, Indigenous peoples, justice-involved individuals, and individuals with disabilities to become apprentices and contribute to the good of the Area's industries; and

**WHEREAS** the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Area recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven, industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining careers for all, while addressing the Area's pressing workforce challenges such as critical infrastructure, educational facilities, healthcare, permanent flood protection, enhanced agriculture for energy generation, and responding to other core economy issues.

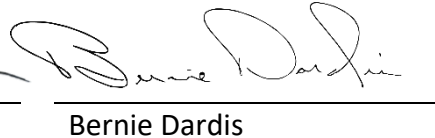
**NOW, THEREFORE** we, Fargo Mayor Dr. Tim Mahoney, Moorhead Mayor Shelly Carlson, West Fargo Commission President Bernie Dardis, Clay County Commissioner Chairman Frank Gross, Cass County Commissioner Chairman Chad Peterson, do hereby declare November 13, 2023, through November 19, 2023, as National Apprenticeship Week for the communities of the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Region.



Timothy Mahoney  
Mayor  
Fargo, North Dakota

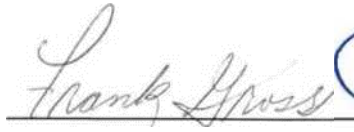


Michelle Carlson  
Mayor  
Moorhead, Minnesota

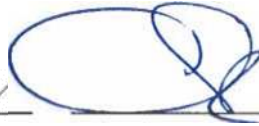


Bernie Dardis  
Commission President  
West Fargo, North Dakota





Frank Gross  
Chairman  
Clay County, Minnesota



Chad Peterson  
Chairman  
Cass County, North Dakota

