



## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas** the purpose of the New Orleans Career Center is to prepare New Orleanians for mid-skill careers in high-demand industry sectors that offer sustaining wages and tangible opportunities for professional growth, and

**Whereas** National Apprenticeship Week, November 13-19, 2023, and the 85th anniversary of the Louisiana Apprenticeship Law are important to the advancement of workforce development in New Orleans and across the state, and

**Whereas** registered apprenticeships are recognized by employers, industry associations, government, labor organizations, community-based organizations, and career and technical education (CTE) providers as instrumental to building the regional economy, and

**Whereas** apprenticeships are a proven industry-driven training model that provides residents extra propulsion into good jobs and improves access to those jobs among individuals who have historically been underserved, marginalized, and otherwise adversely impacted by systemic inequities, and

**Whereas** New Orleans Career Center applauds the state legislature for passing the Louisiana Apprenticeship Law, the Louisiana Workforce Commission for its efforts to promote Registered Apprenticeships in Louisiana, and supports the expansion of apprenticeship opportunities across industries as an entry-point into satisfying family-sustaining careers, and

**Whereas** National Apprenticeship Week gives apprenticeship sponsors a high-profile opportunity to showcase their apprentices, programs, and facilities, promote access and awareness of registered apprenticeships to their customers and communities, especially in the construction and building trades, and

**Whereas** New Orleans Career Center recognizes the benefits of apprenticeships across industries as a key part of high-quality career and technical education to help address workforce challenges across our region, state, and nation, particularly in rebuilding critical infrastructure, filling healthcare worker shortages, supporting our city's legacy industries, and reversing the severe local and regional impacts of climate change,

**Now, therefore,** New Orleans Career Center calls upon employers across the Greater New Orleans Region and the state of Louisiana to recognize the benefits and value of Registered Apprenticeships and promote their adoption across industries during the 2023 National Apprenticeship Week, November 13 through November 19.

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