

## EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

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

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 prepare a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Anne Arundel County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County 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, Anne Arundel County recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, is a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim November 13-19 as National 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 13th Day of November in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

STEUART L. PITTMAN

County Executive November 13, 2023