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## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its ninth anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing the people of the tri-county region of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties with the qualifications and competencies needed for a strong and highly-skilled workforce; 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, Registered Apprenticeship programs are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in diverse industries such as information technology, healthcare, energy, aerospace, construction, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, financial services and more; and
- WHEREAS, Capital Area Michigan Works! recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeships in expanding opportunities in our workforce 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 Michigan and America's industries; and
- WHEREAS, Capital Area Michigan Works! recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers.
- THEREFORE, On behalf of the Capital Area Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board and Administrative Board, I, Carrie Rosingana, Capital Area Michigan Works! CEO, do hereby support apprenticeship building awareness events and activities, especially during National Apprenticeship Week, November 13 through November 19, 2023.

*Carrie Rosingana*

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