



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College is celebrating the 9th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week in raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships (RA) play as a proven workforce and industry-driven training model and as a key strategy to improving job quality, and creating access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, including with youth and young adults;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College recognizes the urgent need to prepare students to address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges and continued effort to expand opportunities to ensure more students and job-seekers gain in-demand skills without extensive tuition debt providing employers the talent they need to grow and thrive;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Registered Apprenticeships programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career-seeking students' affordable pathways to high-paying, quality jobs;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College recognizes Registered Apprenticeships as an opportunity to meaningful pathways of employment for individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent and generational poverty and inequality, thus providing on-ramps for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural and tribal communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College is recognized by the State of Michigan as an expert in the field of Registered Apprenticeships, having worked with more than 1,000 apprentices and 124 sponsoring companies, an Intermediary of Information Technology Apprenticeships for Kalamazoo Technology Training Partnerships (KTTP), a core partner with Kalamazoo Public Schools, The Kalamazoo Promise in the implementation of Career Launch Kalamazoo (CLK) an in-school district based youth apprenticeship program in the Southwest Michigan Region, nationally recognized by New America, CareerWise, and Partners Advancing Youth Apprenticeships (PAYA); and

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo Board of Commissioners recognize the pivotal role educators, school counselors, and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to students, parents, and the community, but also serving employers, training providers, sponsors, and intermediaries; now, therefore be it

Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 13th-19th, 2023, National Apprenticeship Week, and that KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE is a leader and expert in the area of Registered Apprenticeships, promoting industry awareness and apprenticeship expansion, continues to support opportunities for Registered Apprenticeships (RA) with the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), and works toward our statewide goal of increasing postsecondary credential attainment to 60 percent by 2030 during the 9th annual National Apprenticeship Week.

Adopted: October 17, 2023

Moved Strebs
Seconded Wheeler

Carried. Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None



John Taylor, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on October 17, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 18th Day of October 2023.



Meredith Place
Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register of Deeds