## 2024 NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK IN WAYNE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th 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 Wayne 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**, Wayne County recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Wayne 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**, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, does hereby declare November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024, as **National Apprenticeship Week in Wayne County, NC.** 

This, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Attest:

Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board

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<u>Chris Gurlsy</u> Chris Gurley, Chairman