

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF METRO WASHINGTON CRAFTMASTERS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeship plays as a proven 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, starting with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington CraftMasters recognizes the urgent need to prepare our students to address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding and improving our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, and responding to core economy issues; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seeking students affordable pathways to high-paying, good, quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington CraftMasters recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of all individuals, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington CraftMasters recognizes the pivotal role educators and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to students and parents, but also serving as training providers, sponsors, and intermediaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Bond, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington CraftMasters call upon all business, agencies, institutions, and industry partners in our community to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024.

IN SUPPORT,

Dan Bond

President and Chief Executive Officer Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington CraftMasters