

# COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECLARATION

**David Coulter**

*Hereby Issues This Special Proclamation Designating*

**The Week of May 5-11, 2024**

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**Youth Apprenticeship Week in Oakland County, Michigan**

**WHEREAS** Oakland County, and its Oakland County Workforce Development Board, through its ongoing commitment to the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, understands the importance of apprenticeships in the development of our future workforce and the constant need to expand the pipeline of skilled and educated talent available to employers; and

**WHEREAS** Oakland County, the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, and its partners, recognize the need to introduce our youth, ages 16-24, to a broad range of career paths including registered apprenticeship programs; and

**WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency has enjoyed success in expanding the Going PRO Apprenticeship program, with 47% of apprentices in the 16-24 age range; and

**WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, in conjunction with the State Apprenticeship Expansion 2020: Michigan Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Network (MiYARN) program, has exceeded its goal of 50 enrollments of youth ages 16-24 over the past three years; and

**WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency, has successfully enrolled 36 youth ages 16-24 in apprenticeship positions through the State Apprenticeship Expansion 2020: Michigan Registered Apprenticeship Innovation Network (MiRAIN) program; and

**WHEREAS** the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency has used multiple funding sources, including those dedicated to our Registered Apprenticeship Program, to fund career-building opportunities for youth, ages 16-24;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN** that I, David Coulter, Oakland County Executive, do hereby authorize the issuance of this special proclamation designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Youth Apprenticeship Week in Oakland County, Michigan.

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**David Coulter**  
Oakland County Executive