DJH EXPRESS NATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY NAW PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th 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 jobs where individuals can earn a living wage, starting with the youth and young adults; including Military Veterans and the formerly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, DJH Express National Training Academy recognizes the urgent need to prepare our students to address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges in the transportation industry, including the need for truck drivers, who are critical to our country's infrastructure, and supply chain demands; 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, DJH Express National Training Academy recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are 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 and tribal communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, DJH Express National Training Academy recognizes the pivotal role educators, school counselors, and training academies 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, Katrina Hawkins, Director of the DJH Express National Training Academy, call upon the Transportation Industry to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeships and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 9th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week: November 13, 2023 through November 19, 2023.

IN SUPPORT,

Katrina Hawkins/Director

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