



DELAWARE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Rural Water Association recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the current and future demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy.

WHEREAS, Delaware Rural Water Association recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship serves as a bridge to economic stability for Delaware's rural communities, providing qualified individuals from all backgrounds with the specialized skills needed to sustain America's infrastructure and thrive in high-demand technical careers; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Rural Water Association acknowledges that Registered Apprenticeship is a highly effective, industry-led training model essential for developing a skilled workforce and establishing a reliable career pipeline.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Heather Warren, Executive Director of Delaware Rural Water Association, call upon Delaware's water and wastewater industry to recognize the vital role of Registered Apprenticeship and to actively promote its awareness and expansion across the state.

Sincerely,

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