



## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

WHEREAS, the National Utility Industry Training Fund recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse, and highly skilled workforce that can meet the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, the National Utility Industry Training Fund recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship programs 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 communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, the National Utility Industry Training Fund recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship programs, a proven and industry-driven training model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address 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, we, the Trustees of the National Utility Industry Training Fund, encourage all utility companies to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the eighth anniversary of:

### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022

IN SUPPORT,



On behalf of the Trustees,

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