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CAC RESOLUTION
2nd Annual National Apprenticeship Week
November 14 - 20

Whereas, the California state apprenticeship system was established in 1939 with the enactment of the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act; and

Whereas, the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act created the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC) as the apprenticeship policy making body for the State of California; and

Whereas, apprenticeship has been recognized over centuries as a tried and true method of passing on essential skills from one generation of skilled crafts persons to another; and

Whereas, the apprenticeship system remains as effective today as ever in meeting the changing needs of California's employers for well-trained, highly skilled labor in 306 occupations in a wide range of industries; and

Whereas, apprenticeship offers Californians a pathway to a well-paying lifelong career, with industry-recognized credentials, without incurring student loan debt; and

Whereas, with over 73,000 registered apprentices California is the largest apprenticeship system in the country that is highly diverse with a substantial number of woman, veterans, minorities, encompassing all ethnic groups; and

Whereas, the California apprenticeship system continues to grow, expand, and innovate. California also enjoys non-partisan support for apprenticeship with an appropriation from the state for the purpose of partially offsetting costs necessary to train all California apprentices; and

Whereas, President Obama has declared the week of November 14 - 20, 2016, the second annual "National Apprenticeship Week" that provides the Apprenticeship community the opportunity to recognize success stories of apprentices, businesses, education, and other entities that contribute to Apprenticeship;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the California Apprenticeship Council recognizes the "National Apprenticeship Week," and encourages all California apprenticeship program sponsors to sponsor and participate in events in your community during the week of November 14 - 20, 2016 to recognize and celebrate the many benefits and contributions of registered apprenticeship and other entities that are directly involved in the State of California.

Yvonne de la Pena
Chair, California Apprenticeship Council