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Chancellor's Proclamation Recognizing National Apprenticeship Week

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in meeting critical industry workforce demands, including the growing impact of the California Community Colleges Apprenticeship Program in expanding access to high-quality, paid training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce employers need and create pathways that lead to in-demand, high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Apprenticeship Pathways Demonstration Project, now active at 25 California community colleges, has accelerated the development of scalable, credit-bearing apprenticeship models and expanded statewide interest; and

WHEREAS, California community colleges advance Registered Apprenticeship as a cornerstone of equitable workforce development by aligning apprenticeship programs with certificate and degree pathways, ensuring students "Earn While They Learn" by earning college credit while gaining paid, hands-on experience that leads to both a recognized credential and a degree; and

WHEREAS, California community colleges support a seamless apprenticeship pathway from early Career Education (CTE) exploration through pre-apprenticeship into credit-bearing Registered Apprenticeships that build toward stackable credentials and applied associate or baccalaureate degrees; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with Vision 2030, the system is committed to expanding access and success for disproportionately impacted populations by integrating apprenticeships into clear pathways, strengthening employer and labor partnerships, and removing barriers to participation so that all Californians can benefit from high-quality education and career opportunities, while significantly increasing apprenticeship opportunities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sonya Christian, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, call upon stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship and to promote awareness and expansion of the California Community Colleges Apprenticeship Program during National Apprenticeship Week.

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California Community Colleges
Chancellor Sonya Christian