

**IRON WORKER LOCAL 392 APPRENTICESHIP TRUST
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in meeting critical workforce demands across key industries; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce employers need and create pathways for Americans to enter in-demand, high-paying careers through paid on-the-job training, mentorship, progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and the attainment of a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, Iron Workers Local 392 recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the current and future demands of the industry we serve, thereby strengthening our communities and fortifying our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Iron Workers Local 392 Apprenticeship Trust acknowledges the pivotal role that educators, school counselors, and educational institutions play in raising awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities among students and parents, as well as their essential contributions as training providers, program sponsors, and intermediaries; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely positioned to meet the evolving needs of the construction industry by ensuring a steady pipeline of trained, safety-minded, and job-ready workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John Schmitt**, Business Manager of Iron Workers Local 392, call upon all stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs and to promote awareness, engagement, and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week.



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