

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-02
RESOLUTION In Support of National Apprenticeship Week

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry-driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the (AWIB) is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the AWIB shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource programs involving employment training, career and technical education, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the public workforce system is playing a leadership role in meeting the demands of the 21st century economy by catalyzing the implementation of innovative talent development and lifelong learning strategies that will enable Alaskan workers to advance their skills and remain competitive in the global economy; and registered apprenticeship, is an important component of these talent development strategies;

WHEREAS, Alaskan employers hire Registered Apprentices today and offer training in over 80 occupations including construction, health care, transportation, oil & gas, mining, maritime, communications, education, and hospitality; and Alaska employers have created nearly 800 new apprenticeships over the past year; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan incorporates strategies to engage industry-sector partnerships, expand registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and aligns registered apprenticeship opportunities with WIOA services;

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is November 15-21, 2021. This is a national week – long event that highlights the benefits of apprenticeship in preparing a highly skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of employers across diverse industries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AWIB officially supports National Apprenticeship Week, November 15-21, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 28th day of October 2021 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 28th day of October, 2021.



Brenda Pacarro, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board