

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-01**  
**RESOLUTION In Support of National Apprenticeship Week 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) serves as the State of Alaska's industry-driven workforce policy and planning body, representing business and industry, labor, education, and government; and

**WHEREAS**, AWIB acts as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for workforce development, employment training, and career and technical education in alignment with Alaska statute and the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship is a proven, industry-driven workforce strategy that enables Alaskans to earn wages while acquiring in-demand skills through structured on-the-job training and related technical instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska employers utilize Registered Apprenticeship across key sectors including construction, maritime, transportation, healthcare, energy, oil and gas, mining, communications, information technology, and hospitality; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeship expansion supports Alaska Workforce Futures priorities, strengthens sector partnerships, increases access to rural and underserved communities, and aligns with state workforce strategies supporting infrastructure development and long-term economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), observed April 26 through May 2, 2026**, and led by the U.S. Department of Labor, highlights the vital role Registered Apprenticeship plays in preparing a highly skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of employers across diverse industries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board formally recognizes and supports National Apprenticeship Week, April 26–May 2, 2026, and reaffirms its commitment to expanding Registered Apprenticeship opportunities across the State of Alaska; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AWIB encourages employers, industry associations, labor organizations, education providers, workforce partners, and community stakeholders to participate in National Apprenticeship Week activities and to advance apprenticeship as a strategic workforce solution for Alaska's economy.

**CERTIFICATION**

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board, meeting duly noticed and convened, adopted this Resolution on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Signed this 24th day of February 2026.



Patrick Rose, Chair

Alaska Workforce Investment Board