

West Michigan Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program

Apprenticeship and Training Committee

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The West Michigan Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program Apprenticeship and Training Committee recognizes the economy of West Michigan demands a workforce with postsecondary education credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is a vital component of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors and is recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training and employment option; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers and providing workers with skills versatility, and portable credentials recognized nationally and often globally; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship leads to a highly skilled workforce for healthcare employers, resulting in higher wages and long-term successful careers for West Michigan workers; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Registered Apprentices demonstrate diligence, perseverance, and teamwork each day as they become more knowledgeable, capable, and credentialed members of the workforce; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Rising costs of higher education and workforce training make apprenticeships an increasingly important career pathway for the middle class; **AND**
- WHEREAS, Companies which employ a more diverse workforce see greater increases in productivity, profitability and lower staff turnover rates; **AND**
- WHEREAS, The West Michigan Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program Apprenticeship and Training Committee salutes employers for providing apprenticeship that help train workers to fill middle-skill jobs without their having to take on student loan debt.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WEST MICHIGAN MEDICAL ASSISTANT REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COMMITTEE CELEBRATES NOVEMBER 14-20, 2016 AS

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS WEEK

AND WE FURTHER CALL UPON ALL EMPLOYERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND TO PURSUE ITS FURTHER EXPANSION