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**RESOLUTION 2023-379**  
**RECOGNIZING**  
**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

**By the Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors:**

**WHEREAS**, 2023 marks the 9th Annual National Apprenticeship Week celebration, “Registered Apprenticeship: Superhighway to Good Jobs”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the water services sector and the Michigan communities and residents served by GLWA; and

**WHEREAS**, GLWA has partnered with the United States Department of Labor, Focus Hope, and area educational institutions to design a robust Registered Apprenticeship program which supports GLWA’s efforts to identify, develop and train its future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS**, GLWA recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in the water service sector that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to their neighborhoods, communities and region; and

**WHEREAS**, GLWA recognizes that Registered Apprenticeships, provides a proven and service sector driven training model, can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation’s pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country’s infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and promoting regional growth and development.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The GLWA Board of Directors, calls upon GLWA and its team members, our member partner communities, our state and federal representatives to provide continued support for Registered

Apprenticeship programs and to join GLWA in recognizing the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote awareness and expansion during this ninth anniversary of:

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November 13, 2022, through November 19, 2023