

RESOLUTION 2025-031
RECOGNIZING
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY

By the Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors:

WHEREAS, On April 30, 2025, National Apprenticeship Day is celebrating the 11th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Michigan and across the nation; 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 water treatment demands of this region; 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 that 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 Apprenticeships in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

WHEREAS, GLWA recognizes that Registered Apprenticeships provide a proven and service sector-driven training model that can train our workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation's pressing workforce challenges 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

Apprenticeships, and to promote awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Day on April 30, 2025.