

**RSOLUTION 2026-051**  
**GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY**  
**RECOGNITION OF**  
**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026**

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

**WHEREAS**, during the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week, April 26 through May 2, 2026, the event annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the water treatment demands of this region; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

**WHEREAS**, GLWA has partnered with the United States Department of Labor, Focus: HOPE, and area educational institutions such as Henry Ford College/Wayne County, Macomb Community College/Macomb County, Bay Community College/Delta County, and Detroit Electrical Industry Training Center/Macomb County 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,

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

The GLWA Board of Directors calls upon GLWA and its team members, our member partner communities, and 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 Week, April 26 through May 2, 2026.