

Resolution

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its ninth anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role of apprenticeship programs in rebuilding our economy, advancing racial and gender equity, and empowering underserved communities throughout the nation, including Harris County; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are key in the career advancement of individuals by opening doors to professional and educational opportunities, higher income, hands-on training, one-on-one learning, and career-advancing credentials; and

WHEREAS, the Harris County Apprenticeship Advantage program, in partnership with the Texas Gulf Area Labor Federation and NPower, is a targeted investment to expand occupational training programs and apprentice slots, and the county is working with vendors to create and expand opportunities for the U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Programs in traditional and high-growth emerging industries within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Harris County Apprenticeship Advantage program provides wraparound support services to participants to increase the likelihood of program completion and employment; and

WHEREAS, Harris County businesses benefit from apprenticeship programs by showing greater productivity, higher staff retention rates, and reduced employment costs; and

WHEREAS, November 13–19, 2023, is designated as the Ninth Annual National Apprenticeship Week and is recognized as a nationwide celebration where industry, labor, equity, workforce, education, and government leaders showcase the successes and value of apprenticeship programs for rebuilding our economy and advancing equity in our communities: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby declares the week of November 13–19, 2023 as

National Apprenticeship Week

in Harris County, Texas, in recognition of the successes and value of apprenticeship programs for rebuilding our economy.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 14th day of November 2023.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

LESLEY BRIONES, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, T E X A S