

**Burke County
North Carolina**

**Proclamation of Apprenticeship Week
November 13 - 19, 2023**

WHEREAS, apprenticeships have been a cornerstone of skill development and workforce enrichment, contributing significantly to the growth and prosperity of our nation, state, and community; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of innovation and dedication exhibited by apprentices enhances the economic competitiveness of our County and State by fostering excellence and promoting continuous learning; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between businesses, trade organizations, and educational partners highlights the power of partnerships in advancing workforce development; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a strategy to ensure that opportunities are accessible to individuals from all walks of life; and

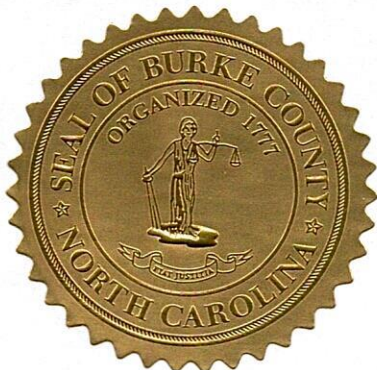
WHEREAS, Western Piedmont Community College's PACE program, in collaboration with numerous Burke County employers, has afforded our citizens opportunities to develop skills that lead to high wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week provides an opportunity to recognize apprentices, employers, colleges, and partners for contributing to a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations during this week not only honor the achievements of apprentices but also inspire new generations to pursue vocational education and apprenticeship opportunities, bolstering our nation's workforce for the future; and

WHEREAS, the commitment to apprenticeship aligns with the goal of promoting economic growth and the vision of advancing Burke County as a community of choice;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Burke County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 13 - 19, 2023, as National Apprenticeship Week in Burke County, we encourage all citizens, businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to join in celebrating apprenticeship programs and their positive impact on our County.



Approved this 17th day of October 2023.

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Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners