

MEMORANDUM



DATE: 13 November 2022

TO: US Department of Labor
FROM: IAFST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJ: PROCLAMATION

1. WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

Laura Stuart -- President

2. WHEREAS, the International Association of Field Service Technicians (IAFST) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly-skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy; and

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3. WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well paying careers; and

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4. WHEREAS, the International Association of Field Service Technicians (IAFST) recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship 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, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

5. WHEREAS, the International Association of Field Service Technicians (IAFST) recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-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 responding to care economy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Stuart, President of the IAFST, call upon the Mortgage Field Services Industry to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the eighth anniversary of:

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Stuart
IAFST President