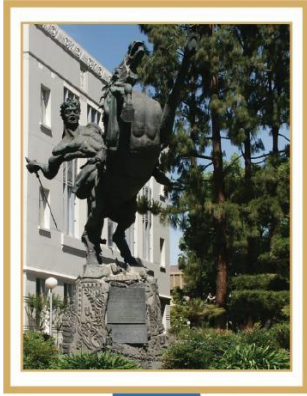


THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

# Board of Supervisors

## PROCLAMATION



**Whereas~** apprenticeships in the skilled trades are a path to the middle class and PACT (Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Inc.), a nonprofit arm of the Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare Building Trades and Construction Council, is dedicated to marketing and creating new training opportunities especially for high school age students. PACT leaders believe more young people would pursue careers in the trades if they understood the benefits, and PACT’s core mission is to promote educational opportunities for students, especially in disadvantaged communities; and

**Whereas~** the newly formed nonprofit plans to sponsor, encourage and create programs to support this goal while also fostering education, job development, community development, good citizenship and civic improvements. This mission coincides with the federal government’s inaugural Spring National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), April 26 to May 2, which will promote and celebrate the value of registered apprenticeships around the country; and

**Whereas~** the theme for NAW 2026 is “America at Work: Making America Skilled Again through Registered Apprenticeship,” and apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship training programs help build the skilled workforce needed in Fresno County and beyond. Fresno County is the birthplace of pioneering apprenticeship readiness training that unites labor, workforce and community partners in a successful program that introduces participants to the skilled building and construction trades; and

**Whereas~** the program that recently celebrated its 15th year was founded, nurtured, and grown by the Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare Building Trades and Construction Council, The Rios Company and the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board; and

**Whereas~** the training recognized around the country has evolved into the 14-county ValleyBuild partnership, operating as an ongoing and largely state-funded collaboration between regional building trades and construction councils, regional workforce boards, The Rios Company, and other partners, and inspired the specialized ValleyBuild NOW (Non-traditional Occupations for Women) program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim April 26 to May 2 as National Apprenticeship Week in the County of Fresno, congratulates all partners on the continued success of the ValleyBuild/MC3 Apprenticeship Readiness Training Program and recognizes PACT for its plans to inform, recruit and train more young people in the skilled trades.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**

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