



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is an annual commemoration designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce; and

WHEREAS, during this month, employers, associations and schools are encouraged to conduct job fairs, panel discussions, and local community events to inform students of the vast employment opportunities in construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of our nation's largest industries, employing more than five million individuals in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry needs 1.5 million new craft professionals by 2019; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor the construction craft professional and the critical role they play in the development of our state; and

WHEREAS, NCCER was created by the construction industry to standardize training and enhance the industry image by promoting the hard work and dedication of our nation's craft professionals; and

WHEREAS, the mission of NCCER's Build Your Future initiative is to narrow the skills gap by guiding America's youth and displaced workers into opportunities that lead to long-term rewarding careers in construction; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Build Your Future initiative is to shift the public's negative perception about careers in the construction industry and provide a path for individuals to become craft professionals, and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Governor Haslam joined other industry stakeholders to launch "Go Build Tennessee", an initiative that engages parents, teachers, and community leaders to educate students about their career options in the construction industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2017 as

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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-ninth day of August, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Wargatt in blue ink.

Secretary of State

