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

WHEREAS, 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 during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of our nation's largest industries, employing more than 5 million individuals in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry needs millions of new craft professionals in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is important 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, organizations like NCCER were 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2022, 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 thirtieth day of August, 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State