



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**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**, 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 seven million individuals in the United States and 128,000 in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the construction industry needs over two million new craft professionals by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri assists in training the construction workforce through its public colleges and universities and technical schools and colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, we are pleased to honor construction craft professionals and the critical roles they play in the development of the great State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, proper training enhances the industry image and promotes hard work and the dedication of the professionals in the industry each of whom take pride in constructing facilities which last decades or even centuries and serve the State of Missouri in so doing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the construction industry as a whole work in unison to reach young audiences and introduce them to the rewarding careers in construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Careers in Construction Month will provide a significant impetus to improving the perception of construction careers as both emotionally and physically rewarding and therefore assist in efforts to reach Missouri's youth and displaced workers, thus directing them toward careers in the construction industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2021 to be

**CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE