



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**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 7.9 million individuals in the United States and 137,100 in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the construction industry will need nearly 2 million new craft professionals by 2025; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, proper training enhances the industry image and promotes hard work and dedication from 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's 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October, 2023, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



Michael L. Parson  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

SECRETARY OF STATE