



DECATUR BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AFL-CIO

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Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council recognizes the urgent needs of the construction unions to train and maintain the most highly skilled, highly trained work force capable of meeting the needs of the industries in which we serve.

WHEREAS, the institution of registered apprenticeship programs has proven over millennia to be the most effective method for the transfer of traditional knowledge and skill from one generation to the next.

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is the proven vehicle to incorporate training on new and emerging technologies for the apprentice and the journey worker that will secure America's future ability to sustain the rebuilding and maintenance of our infrastructure in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

WHEREAS, recent U.S. economic circumstances and institutional education focus have created a generational gap in the number of trained, available and future journey workers to supply the immediate, short and long term needs of the building and construction trades.

WHEREAS, registered and graduate apprentices understand the perseverance, technical aptitude, and team work required on the construction workplace as they strive each day to become more knowledgeable and capable through structured related technical training and on the job instruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I JOE RILEY, PRESIDENT OF THE DECATUR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, CALL UPON ALL LOCAL UNIONS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO TAKE MEASURE OF THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE SKILLED WORKFORCE NEEDS DURING:

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP

AWARENESS & APPRECIATION

WEEK NOVEMBER 13 -19, 2017

I FURTHER CALL UPON ALL OF THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES PARTNERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND PURSUE INDUSTRY AWARENESS AND EXPANSION.

IN SOLIDARITY,

JOE L. RILEY, PRESIDENT

