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ON BEHALF OF THE SKILLED MEMBERSHIP OF THE OPCMIA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

The OPCMIA recognizes the need for a highly skilled, productive and safe workforce to meet the needs of the industry we serve.

WHEREAS,

The structured nature of registered apprenticeship programs has proven to be the most effective vehicle for the successful transfer of skills and knowledge from one generation to the next.

WHEREAS,

The construction industry continues to demand a workforce trained in emerging materials, work practices and skills.

WHEREAS,

The recent upturn in the economy and the aging of the workforce is creating a shortage of skilled craft workers.

WHEREAS,

Highly skilled workers are better able to share in the American dream of economic prosperity and security.

Now, Therefore, I Daniel Stepano, General President of the OPCMIA, Call Upon all Local Unions, JATC's, and Their Industry Partners to Redouble Their Efforts in the Advancement of Apprenticeship Training During:

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017**

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