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RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS*, the Southwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council recognizes the urgent needs of the construction unions to train and maintain the most highly skilled, highly trained workforce 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 journeyworker 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 numbers of trained, available, and future journeyworkers 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 of 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, Dale Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Southwestern Illinois Building & 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 and Appreciation Week  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

I further call upon all the Building and Construction Trades partners to recognize the purpose and value of registered apprenticeship training and pursue industry awareness and expansion.

In Solidarity,

Dale Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
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