



# West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The West Central Illinois Building and 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 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 WILLIAM COMSTOCK, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS 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<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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,**

**WILLIAM COMSTOCK, PRESIDENT**

**WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL**

Boilermakers

Bricklayers

Carpenters

Electrical Workers

Elevator Constructors

Heat & Frost Insulators

Iron Workers

Laborers

Millwrights

Operating Engineers

Painters/Glaziers

Plasterers – Cement Masons

Plumbers

Road Sprinkler Fitters

Roofers

Sheet Metal Workers

Steamfitters

Teamsters

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In Affiliation

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT

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