



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Careers in Construction Month is an annual month designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce; and

**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 5 million individuals in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction industry needs 1.5 million new craft professionals by 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, we are pleased to honor construction craft professionals and the critical role they play in the development of our state of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) was created by the construction industry to standardize training, and enhance the industry's image by promoting the hard work and dedication of our nation's craft professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of NCCER's Build Your Future initiative is to narrow the skills gap by guiding America's youth and displaced workers into opportunities that lead to long-term rewarding careers in construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Build Your Future initiative is to shift the public's negative perception about careers in the construction industry, and provide a path for individuals to become craft professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2017, as "**CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.