

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the largest industries in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, today's skilled professional workforce is aging out, and the next generation of talent is not sufficient to fill the demand; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 4.6 million job openings in the construction industry nationwide, with approximately 60,000 of those openings in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, South Carolina has lost 26.8 percent of residential construction jobs, totaling nearly 17,000 jobs that were predominantly self-employed; and

WHEREAS, 82 percent of companies regularly have positions they are unable to fill with qualified workers and experienced tradesmen, and an estimated 24,000 new construction workers are needed to meet the state's current building needs; and

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is designed to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

### CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor construction craft professionals and recognize the vital role they play in the economic success and development of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA