

BY: Senator MANNION

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Careers in Construction Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Careers in Construction Month

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase public awareness and appreciation of professionals who work in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Careers in Construction Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Careers in Construction Month; and

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 1.4 million new craft professionals by 2023; and

WHEREAS, The National Center of 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 Merit Apprenticeship Alliance, Inc. is a statewide consortium of more than 125 quality-driven, open shop building and heavy construction contractors who promote careers in construction and participate in New York State registered apprenticeship training programs in the Carpentry, Operating Engineer (heavy equipment), Skilled Craft Laborer, Ironworking, and Cement Finishing/Masonry trades; and

WHEREAS, The Merit Apprenticeship Alliance, Inc. is a proud supporter of NCCER and its objectives to promote sustainable careers in the construction industry; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to honor the construction craft professionals and the critical role they play in the development of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Careers in Construction Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.