

**BY:** M. of A. Rules (Hunter)

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022; 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 2022, 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.