



In the Name and by the Authority of  
**THE STATE OF  
OHIO**



**WHEREAS**, Construction Appreciation Week is celebrated annually during the third week of September, to recognize the important role construction workers play in building our communities and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 245,500 Ohioans work in the construction industry, which equates to about one in 23 workers; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 20 construction occupations are in demand in Ohio – including laborers, electricians, carpenters, welders, operating engineers, and more – and these jobs pay well and have promising futures; and

**WHEREAS**, all Ohio school counselors for grades 7 to 12 are now required to complete a four-hour training to learn about building and construction trades career pathways so they can share information with their students; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals who work in construction learned their skills through apprenticeship programs, which allow them to earn while they learn, avoid the typical student loan debt, and receive incremental pay increases as they learn new skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services oversees ApprenticeOhio, which registers apprenticeship programs that meet national criteria for quality and safety;

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services also oversees the state's OhioMeansJobs Centers, where Ohioans can get help exploring construction careers and finding construction jobs, and OhioMeansJobs.com, which has more than 3,600 open construction positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans can view a complete list of in-demand construction jobs at [topjobs.ohio.gov](https://topjobs.ohio.gov).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 16-20, 2024 as

## **CONSTRUCTION APPRECIATION WEEK**

on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor