STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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 U.S.; and

WHEREAS: The construction industry needs 1.5 million new craft professionals by 2021; and

WHEREAS: We are pleased to honor the construction craft professional and the critical role they play in the development of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) was created by the construction industry to standardize training and enhance the industry 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, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2018, as

CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State