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Ducey: November Proclaimed as Careers in the Construction Sciences Month

PHOENIX (November 1, 2016) – Governor Doug Ducey proclaims November 2016 as “Careers in the Construction Sciences Month” recognizing the honorable work of construction science professionals and organizations attempting to address workforce shortages by encouraging youth to enter construction fields.

From Aug. 2015 to Aug. 2016, construction professions increased at a rate of 4.7 percent and at an Arizona Finance Advisory Committee meeting held just last month (Oct. 2016), the State’s Office of Economic Opportunity predicted construction jobs are expected to continue to grow at a rate of close to 4.1 percent a year over the next decade.

“Arizona added 6,100 construction jobs just last year and throughout the Southwest, most of our employment opportunities now require trade skills and technical training,” Gov. Ducey stated. “We need to counsel our youth about the various career options available to them. We need to continue to expand our focus beyond the four year degree and honor what that means and honor what that work is,” he continued.

“We must continue to also address the disconnect between education and business and place a priority on providing our youth with the tools they need to find their pathway whether that is a four-year degree or technical training,” Gov. Ducey added.

In the month of November, 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 professions.

One such event, specifically mentioned in the Governor’s Proclamation, is entering its 14th year and is the Association for Construction Career Development’s Arizona Construction Career Days. The Career Days are the product of private-public partners working together to introduce youth to construction career pathways. This week, on Thurs. and Friday, Nov. 3rd and 4th, over 2,000 high school students from at least 12 of Arizona’s 15 counties are expected to descend on Papago Park Military Reservation

to meet with nearly 60 construction companies and related organizations to learn about various career opportunities in the construction sciences field.

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GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Careers in the Construction Sciences Month is an annual month designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction science 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 professions; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the nation's largest and most honorable industries, employing more than 6.5 million individuals in the United States and the construction industry needs 2 million new construction science professionals by 2018; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor the construction science professional and the critical role they play in the development of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, most states declare October as Career in Construction Month, Arizona proudly recognizes their efforts in coordination with the National Center for Construction Education and Research and the Build Your Future Organization; and

WHEREAS, we further proudly recognize and support the hard work and efforts of the Association for Construction Career Development's Arizona Construction Career Days in November and other similar efforts offered throughout Arizona as they work to build tomorrow's construction workforce today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

CAREERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SCIENCES MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE