Proclamation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is designated annually 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 five million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry needs one and one-half million new craft professionals by 2021; and

WHEREAS, construction craft professionals are to be honored for the critical role they play in the development of our state; 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 initiative seeks 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2018, as

Careers In Construction Month

in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 28th day of June 2018.

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Kay Ivey, Governor