

## 2021-J777

Senate Resolution No. 777

BY: Senator MANNION

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
October 2021, as Careers in Construction Month in  
the State of New York, in conjunction with 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 Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2021, as  
Careers in Construction Month in the State of New York; 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 Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2021, 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 Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.