



Brothers and Sisters:

The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship has declared November 8-14, 2020 National Apprenticeship Week to raise public awareness around registered apprenticeship.

Attached please find a Proclamation from General President Stepano in support of National Apprenticeship Week.

Registered Apprenticeship has been described as the best kept secret within the building trades crafts. Too often we allow our efforts to go unnoticed. Let's use this national platform to showcase labor and management working together to build our country.

Visit the [National Apprenticeship Week](#) website.

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ON BEHALF OF THE SKILLED MEMBERSHIP OF THE OPCMIA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

The OPCMIA recognizes the need for a highly skilled, productive and safe workforce to meet the needs of the industry we serve.

WHEREAS,

The structured nature of registered apprenticeship programs has proven to be the most effective vehicle for the successful transfer of skills and knowledge from one generation to the next.

WHEREAS,

The construction industry continues to demand a workforce trained in safety, emerging materials, work practices and skills.

WHEREAS,

The growing construction economy and the aging of the workforce is creating a shortage of skilled craft workers.

WHEREAS,

Highly skilled workers are better able to share in the American dream of economic prosperity and security.

Now, Therefore, I Daniel Stepano, General President of the OPCMIA, Call Upon all Local Unions, JATC's, and Their Industry Partners to Redouble Their Efforts in the Advancement of Apprenticeship Training During:

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

NOVEMBER 8-14, 2020

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