



Will & Grundy Counties Building Trades Council

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Will/Grundy Building & Construction Trades Council

WHEREAS, the Will/Grundy Building & Construction Trades Council recognizes the urgent needs of the construction unions to train and maintain the most highly skilled trained workforce capable of meeting the needs of the industries in which we serve.

WHEREAS, the institution of registered apprenticeship programs has proven over millennia to be the most effective method for the transfer to traditional knowledge and skill from one generation to the next.

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is the proven vehicle to incorporate training on new and emerging technologies for the apprentice and the journey worker that will secure America's future ability to sustain the rebuilding and maintenance of our infrastructure in all increasingly competitive global marketplace.

WHEREAS, recent U.S. economic circumstances and intuitional education focus have created a generational gap in the numbers of trained, available and future journey workers to supply the immediate, short- and long-term needs of the building and construction trades.

WHEREAS, registered and graduate apprentices understand the perseverance, technical aptitude, and teamwork required of the construction workplace as they strive each day to become more knowledgeable and capable through structured related technical training and on the job instruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I DONALD "DOC" GREGORY, PRESIDENT OF THE WILL/GRUNDY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, CALL UPON ALL LOCAL UNIONS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO TAKE MEASURE OF THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE SKILLED WORKFORCE NEEDS DURING:

***NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
AWARENESS & APPRECIATION WEEK
NOVEMBER 15th – 21st, 2021***

I FURTHER CALL UPON THE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES PARTNERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND PURSUE INDUSTRY AWARENESS AND EXPANSION.

In Solidarity,

Donald "Doc" Gregory
Will/Grundy Building Trades & Construction Trades Council