

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is an annual month designated to help increase public awareness of the opportunities available in construction trades professions; 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 U.S.; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor construction trades professionals and the critical role they play in the development of Yakima; and

WHEREAS, through a collaborative effort that reaches policymakers as well as local educators and high school students, our goal is to effectively address some of the issues that have contributed to chronic labor shortages and misperceptions of careers in construction, to develop a skilled workforce for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Central Washington Home Builders Association is committed to the enrichment of the educational experience of students and the community by offering them first-hand exposure to the real world of the building industry through membership, educational programming, school curriculum, and networking opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important role that the construction industry plays in growing our community, I, Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima and behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as

“CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH”

in the City of Yakima and urge all citizens to join us in this special observance by seeking to learn more about the exciting world of building and construction.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2020

Patricia Byers, Mayor