

PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 562 N.A.W. PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 9th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide, and a proven model of classroom and on the job training that leads to better quality jobs, well paying careers, and a better workforce for Contractors throughout 67 Counties in the Eastern half of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 JATC recognizes the urgency, to prepare apprentices for todays workforce challenges, such as our country's aging infrastructure, new technologies, aging workforce, critical supply chain demands, modernizing our Plumbing and HVAC systems to support clean energy, and prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse, licensed, and highly skilled workforce; and

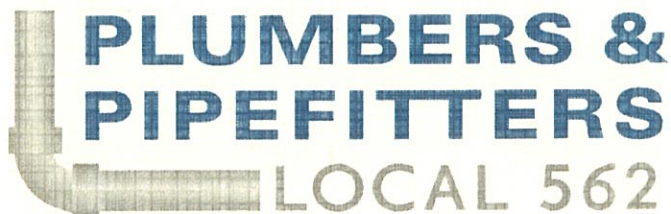
WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship Programs enable Contractors to employ and train their workforce in conjunction with the JATC, while offering career seeking individuals a pathway to quality jobs, and earn while you learn careers; and

WHEREAS, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 JATC, recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeships in expanding opportunities in the Piping Trades that are inclusive of individuals who have been underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, through our CHAMPIONS Program, Apprenticeship Program, and collaboration with groups such as Moka, and BUDS (Building Union Diversity St. Louis) thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, people of color, people of all communities, 2nd chance individuals, and individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and then licensed Journeymen and Journeywomen and continue to contribute to the Piping Industries throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 recognizes the roles of educators, school counselors, and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship and to promote industry awareness and expansion, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 will continue to collaborate with secondary schools, Trade Schools, Junior Colleges, and other Educational Institutions that promote the Piping Trades, through Trade Shows, Career Fairs, continuing to build relationships with faculty, and being actively involved in School Boards and advisory committees of educational institutions throughout the Eastern half of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. O'Mara, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562, call upon the Construction Industry, to recognize the value of Apprenticeships, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the 9th anniversary of National Apprenticeship.

Week: November 13 through November 19, 2023.




Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer