



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION (WIC) WEEK

March 4th-10th, 2018

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month and the first week of March was designated specifically to celebrate Women in Construction (WIC) to highlight women as a visible component of the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the workforce in California is becoming increasingly diversified and, for this state's construction industry to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify its workforce by attracting more women in the industry; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are critical pathways for women to participate fully and equally in California's growing economy; however, women have historically been excluded from apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful careers with family-supporting wages; and

WHEREAS, women currently occupy only ten percent of all apprenticeships, and less than three percent of construction trades jobs nationally, as a state, California should support policy efforts to achieve at least twenty percent by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry must strive to educate and inspire parents, educators and career counselors to attract all of California's youth to rewarding careers opportunities in construction; and

WHEREAS, the continuous progress of our economy requires full participation and support of all citizens, regardless of gender, race or ethnic background to promote the development of women-owned business enterprises that will benefit all members of the workforce through the creation of meaningful and productive jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the week of March 4-10, 2018 as Women in Construction (WIC) week in Sacramento and encourage women to pursue construction as a career they can build on.

ISSUED: This 4th day of March, 2018

Darrell Steinberg
Mayor