## PROCLAMATION TO WELCOME THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF UNION PLUMBERS, PIPEFITTERS, SPRINKLER FITTERS, STEAMFITTERS, AND SERVICE TECHNICIANS FOR THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## AUGUST 7, 2013

WHEREAS, The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States, Canada and Australia (UA), represents approximately 370,000 plumbers, pipefitters, sprinkler fitters, and service technicians in North America and Australia; and

WHEREAS, The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradesman longer than anyone else in the industry. The UA boasts the premier training programs available in the industry today, including five-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyman training organized instructor training, and certification programs; and

WHEREAS, The United Association has held its Instructor Training Program in Washtenaw County for the past 22 years; and

WHEREAS, The United Association holds its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Instructor Training Program, August 10-16, 2013, in Washtenaw County, on the campus of Washtenaw Community College; and

WHEREAS, The United Association Instructor Training Program will bring an estimated 2,400 participants to Washtenaw County in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact to Washtenaw County during the UA Instructor Training Program is estimated at nearly \$5,000,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the period of August 10-16, 2013, as the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual UA Instructor Training Program Week in Washtenaw County, Michigan, and calls upon the people of Washtenaw County to observe this week with the appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this 60<sup>th</sup> year of Training Excellence.

Yousef Rabhi, Chair Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 8