



CITY OF ROCHESTER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** A small group of contractors, sensing the need for unity in dealing with legislation and labor, gathered together shortly after World War I to organize a state association under the name of: The New York State Sheet Metal Contractors' Association and held its first meeting in Rochester, NY in the spring of 1923 with representatives from all over the state in attendance; and
- WHEREAS:** The association's first president was Mr. H.A. Daniels of Newburgh, who was succeeded by Adolph Hesse of Utica in 1930 and W. George Ballard of Rochester in 1931, the start of a long chain of capable leaders in which Rochester contractors frequently took key roles; and
- WHEREAS:** The name of the association was changed to include roofing around 1932 and again in 1935 to include air conditioning, at which time it was incorporated under the name of: The New York State Sheet Metal, Roofing and Air Conditioning Contractors' Association, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1955, the association had grown such that it divided into regional associations, leading to the creation of the Master Sheet Metal, Furnace and Roofing Association of Rochester, NY Inc., a name it proudly carried until 2005 when the body chose its current name: Rochester Roofers and Sheet Metal Association of New York, Inc. as the furnace and air conditioning contractors created their own association; and
- WHEREAS:** The association celebrated the "Golden Anniversary of the New York State Sheet Metal, Roofing and Air Conditioning Contractors' Association Inc," in Rochester in 1973, as one of what may be only two regional associations that can trace their lineage to the original state association; and
- WHEREAS:** The members and leadership of the association, in all its forms, continue to provide critical services (and a roof over our heads) to the people, homes and businesses of Rochester, NY and have done so for the past 100 years; helping to build a successful economy and professional solidarity in an unbroken chain since 1923;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Malik B Evans, Mayor of the City of Rochester, New York, do hereby proclaim and celebrate April 17, 2023 as:

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROCHESTER ROOFERS AND SHEET METAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this, the 17th day of April in the year 2023.

Signed:


Mayor, Rochester, New York