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## IAPMO Publishes Spanish, International English Versions of "My Mom Is a Plumbing Superhero" Coloring Book

**Ontario, Calif. (May 17, 2023)** — Thanks to an overwhelmingly positive response and the desire for it to be accessible to people around the globe, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO<sup>®</sup>) is pleased to announce that "My Mom Is a Plumbing Superhero," the first children's book focused exclusively on women plumbers, is now also available in both Spanish-language and international English versions.

The international English version includes dialectal variations and is formatted to the international A4 paper size, while the Spanish-language version remains on U.S. letter. They may be downloaded for free at <a href="https://www.uniformcodes.org/construction-books-for-kids">https://www.uniformcodes.org/construction-books-for-kids</a>.

"As plumbing and its benefits are universal the world over, it is important that the messages this coloring book sends — among them, that plumbing careers are not gendered and plumbing is not just clogged toilets — reach people of all ethnicities, ages and genders across the globe," IAPMO CEO Dave Viola said.

IAPMO partnered with real-life superhero plumber Judaline Cassidy, a proud member of Plumbers Local Union No. 1 NYC, founder of Tools & Tiaras, and one of CNN's "Champions for Change." Inspired and guided by the Cassidy's 25-year career, "My Mom Is a Plumbing Superhero" creatively brings to life what it's really like to be a plumber building a modern hygiene infrastructure.

The book illustrates how plumbers work on advanced water technologies to mitigate the effects of drought and natural disasters. The helpful nature of plumbers comes to life with illustrations depicting the work of service plumbers. The book also portrays women installing and maintaining medical gas systems.

Cassidy, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, founded the nonprofit Tools & Tiaras as part of her mission to show girls and women that Jobs Don't Have Genders<sup>™</sup>.

IAPMO tapped noted children's author Jo S. Kittinger and accomplished illustrator Chuck Galey to create "My Mom Is a Plumbing Superhero." Kittinger has penned more than 35 books for children. One of her books, "The House on Dirty-Third Street," won several social justice awards, including a Christopher Award, a Social Justice Literature Award, and the Carol D. Reiser Children's Book Award. Galey has illustrated more than 50 books for educational publishers and created covers for Beverly Cleary's "Ribsy" and "Henry Huggins," as well as R.L. Stine's "Fear Street" series for Recorded Books, Inc.

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