



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MANUFACTURING DAY
OCTOBER 6, 2017

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a significant creator of new wealth in North Dakota with more than 1,200 manufacturing companies making a wide variety of products – agricultural machinery, food, transportation equipment, fabricated metals, minerals and wood; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers employ and pay above-average wages to approximately 44,000 of our family, friends and neighbors in North Dakota, and are proud to have added 2,646 new jobs since 2010; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers nationwide are facing a serious gap in skilled labor – 80 percent cannot find the skilled workers they need, and with North Dakota’s momentous economic expansion, the challenge is even more acute; and

WHEREAS, the ability to successfully address short-term and long-term workforce development relies upon expanding a positive perception of the manufacturing industry as a career choice; and

WHEREAS, the Fabricators and Manufacturing Association, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Association of Manufacturers, and the Manufacturing Institute have designated October 6, 2017, as National Manufacturing Day partnering in an effort to address the opportunities and challenges facing the manufacturing industry faces; and

WHEREAS, Impact Dakota, the North Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center and the North Dakota Department of Commerce are partnering with community groups, manufacturers and technical and community colleges to host Manufacturing Day events as part of this national program.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 6, 2017, **MANUFACTURING DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



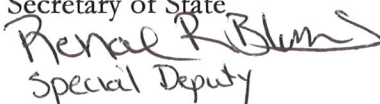
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