



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MANUFACTURING MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Month has been recognized as an effective way to expand knowledge about the value manufacturing brings to Florida's economy, the importance of the industry to the nation's economic well-being, and to showcase the high-skilled, high-wage manufacturing jobs available in the industry; and

WHEREAS, by working together with educators, manufacturers are able to connect with the workforce of the future to build the next generation of skilled manufacturing employees, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the industry and our country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has worked to keep taxes low for manufacturers and related industries, and in 2016 has made permanent the elimination of sales tax on capital equipment; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks among the top three states for manufacturing establishments, with 20,584 manufacturing establishments in 2016; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Florida has 368,400 manufacturing employees and Florida's manufacturing industry gained 11,700 jobs over-the-year as of July 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida commends and supports Manufacturing Month 2017 and the organizations involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2017 as *Manufacturing Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28th day of September, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor