



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MANUFACTURING MONTH

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 elimination of the manufacturing and equipment sales tax on Florida's manufacturing companies took effect April 30, 2014 and made permanent this year, and we are working to keep taxes low in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks among the top ten states for manufacturing establishments, according to Enterprise Florida, with more than 321,000 manufacturing employees and more than 18,600 manufacturing companies; and

WHEREAS, Florida's manufacturing industry also led the nation in job gains over the year in August, adding 15,200 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida commends and supports Manufacturing Month 2016 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 2016 as *Manufacturing Month* – with October 7th being the kick-off date – and urge all Floridians to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our state and nation.



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 26th day of September, in the year two thousand sixteen.


Governor