

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The manufacturing industry is a critical part of Minnesota's diverse economy; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing contributed \$57.2 billion to Minnesota's economy in 2023, representing 12% of the

state's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS: Manufactured exports brought \$22.5 billion into Minnesota's economy in 2023; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing workers earned \$25.7 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs last

year, the second-largest total payroll among private sector industries; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing in Minnesota pays an average annual wage of just under \$79,000, which is 10%

higher than the state's overall average wage; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing provides more than 325,800 highly skilled, well-paying jobs, which significantly

contribute to Minnesota's high standard of living and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota added nearly 2,000 net new manufacturing jobs from 2022 to 2023; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota expects more than 93,000 job openings for manufacturing production positions

through 2032; and

WHEREAS: There are roughly 8,625 manufacturing companies in Minnesota, making a wide range of products

that improve life, create solutions, and bring joy in Minnesota and around the world.

 $NOW,\,THEREFORE,\,I,\,TIM\,WALZ,\,Governor\,of\,Minnesota,\,do\,hereby\,proclaim\,October\,2024\,as:$

MANUFACTURING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $30^{\rm th}$ day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE