

October is

# MANUFACTURING MONTH



## 2023 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The manufacturing industry is a critically important part of Minnesota's diverse economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Manufacturing contributed \$58.7 billion to Minnesota's economy in 2022, representing 13% of the state's gross domestic product; and
- WHEREAS:** Manufactured exports brought \$24 billion into the Minnesota economy in 2022; and
- WHEREAS:** Workers took home \$24.9 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs in 2022, the second-largest total payroll among private sector industries; and
- WHEREAS:** Manufacturing in Minnesota pays an average annual wage of \$76,950, which is 10% higher than the state's overall average private sector wage; and
- WHEREAS:** Manufacturing provides more than 325,000 highly skilled, well-paying jobs, which significantly contribute to Minnesota's high standard of living and economic vitality; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota added more than 10,000 manufacturing jobs over the year from 2021 to 2022, and the manufacturing industry set a new record with nearly 19,000 job vacancies in 2022; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota expects to see more than 75,000 job openings for manufacturing production positions alone through 2030; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 8,550 manufacturing companies in Minnesota, making a wide range of products that improve life, create solutions and bring joy here in Minnesota and around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota,** do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 shall be observed 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of September.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_