



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Month 2014 has been recognized as an effective way to expand knowledge about the value manufacturing brings to Florida's economy and to showcase the high-skilled high paid manufacturing jobs needed by the industry; and

WHEREAS, the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) Center for Manufacturing Excellence; supported by the Regional Manufacturers Associations, the Florida TRADE Grant Consortium Colleges, and the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE); encourage Florida manufacturers to open their factory doors to high school students, college students, and veterans during that month for touring, consequently encouraging and inspiring them to consider a career in manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, by working together with education, manufacturers will begin to address the skilled labor shortage they face, connect with future generations, build the next generation of skilled manufacturing employees, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the manufacturing and equipment sales tax on Florida's manufacturing companies took effect April 30, 2014, and was a top priority during the 2013 legislative session to encourage manufacturing companies to grow and locate in Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to Enterprise Florida, the elimination of the tax is expected to save the more than 18,000 manufacturing companies in the state approximately \$141 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida commends and supports Manufacturing Month 2014 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 2014 as *Manufacturing Month*, with October 3, 2014, 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 17th day of September, in the year two thousand fourteen.




Governor