

# PROCLAMATION

## 2014 MANUFACTURING DAY

*WHEREAS*, Manufacturing day, October 3, 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*, each day as many as 4,500 manufacturing jobs go unfilled because of lack of skill; and

*WHEREAS*, the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) Center for Manufacturing Excellence organized for Manufacturing Day, an Adopt-a-School Program supported by the Regional Manufacturers Associations and the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE) to open factory doors to high school students on that day for touring, inspiring them to consider a career in manufacturing; and

*WHEREAS*, by working together with education leaders, 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 Highlands County Board of County Commissioners commends and supports this important cause and the organizations involved.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Highlands County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2014, as Manufacturing Day and we urge all community residents to join in recognizing the value of manufacturers and the important role they serve in our county, state and the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, in Highlands County, Florida.



**HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

R. Greg Harris, Chair