

Escambia County Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Recognizing October, 2014 as Manufacturing Appreciation Month is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our nation's economy and to draw attention to the many rewarding, high-skilled manufacturing jobs; as well as supporting and celebrating Florida's manufacturers and school programs that prepare our future workforce;

WHEREAS,

The Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council (NWFMC.org), Manufacturing Association of Florida (MAF), Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE), and National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) support manufacturing and manufacturing careers;

WHEREAS,

Coordination for student tours is led by the Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council to raise awareness of young adults about the high-skill, high-wage careers available in Northwest Florida in the manufacturing industry;

WHEREAS,

Manufacturing is a cornerstone of our economy in Florida and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS,

Manufacturing is a key driver in the Northwest Florida regional economy, providing 14,370 direct jobs that generate \$763 million in total wages with average wages per worker of \$53,111;

WHEREAS, Escambia County is fortunate to be home to many outstanding manufacturing businesses who are world leaders in their respective fields;

WHEREAS, Escambia County, recognizes the importance of manufacturing as a major contributor to the economic health of our communities and commends and supports this important cause and the organizations involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, does hereby declare the Month of October, 2014 as "Manufacturing Appreciation Month" and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our city, county, region, state and the nation.