

# Proclamation

## 2014 Florida Manufacturing Day

### **WHEREAS,**

Recognizing October 3, 2014 as Florida Manufacturing Day and recognizing October as Florida Manufacturing Month are effective ways to highlight the importance of the 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; and

### **WHEREAS,**

The Association for Operations Management (APICS), Bay Area Manufacturers Association (BAMA), Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association (UTBMA), Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE), Federal Defense Contractors Association (FDCA), Hillsborough Community College (HCC), Hillsborough County Public Schools Career and Technical Education (HCPS-CTE), National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA), Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), University of South Florida College of Engineering (USF-COE), and Hillsborough Community College - Florida TRADE group support manufacturing and manufacturing careers;

### **WHEREAS,**

Coordination for statewide Manufacturing Day student tours is led by the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE) to strengthen technical and academic skills of young adults enrolled in manufacturing, engineering and design courses of study; and

### **WHEREAS,**

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

### **WHEREAS,**

Manufacturing provides jobs for approximately 50, 396 Hillsborough County citizens and manufacturing facilities in our county make products as diverse as fuel systems to components used on the newest Mars Rover; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners commends and supports this important cause and organizations involved;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, does hereby declare the date of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 as "Florida Manufacturing Day" and October as "Florida Manufacturing Month" and does urge all citizens to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our county, state and the nation.