



Proclamation

FLORIDA MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, recognizing October 4, 2014 as Florida Manufacturing Day is an effective way 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 educational programs that prepare our future workforce; *and*

WHEREAS, the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Association, APICS, Bay Area Manufacturers Association, Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence, Florida Defense Contractors Association, St. Petersburg College, Collaborative Center for Emerging Technologies, Pinellas County Schools and Pinellas Technical Education Center, National Tooling & Machining Association, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and University of South Florida College of Engineering support manufacturing and manufacturing careers; *and*

WHEREAS, coordination for Manufacturing Day student tours is led by the Bay Area Manufacturers Association and Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence 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 in the United States of America; *and*

WHEREAS, manufacturing provides jobs for over 30,000 Pinellas County citizens, and nearly 1,300 manufacturing facilities in Pinellas County make products as diverse as high-tech turbines and gourmet flavorings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that October 4, 2014 be recognized as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2014.

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 KAREN WILLIAMS SEEL, Chair

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