

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado manufacturing boosts our state's economic growth, provides jobs for skilled workers, and links to innovation in other sectors; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's 6,000 manufacturers contribute \$20 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 150,000 Colorado men and women who work in manufacturing produce key components that support the growth of our state's seven advanced industries; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade continues its focus on "advanced manufacturing" as a critical cross-cutting component of Colorado's rapidly growing Advanced Industries cluster; and

WHEREAS, workforce training and education is a critical tool to support manufacturers across our state and nation which are facing a gap in skilled labor; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a national leader in transforming outdated understandings of manufacturing and developing manufacturing career pathways; and

WHEREAS, researchers from Colorado's universities are developing the next generation of manufacturing technologies and processes through the ADAPT and DMDII initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's manufacturing community is hosting several events to coincide with National Manufacturing Day on October 7, 2016 so as to help empower manufacturers to come together to address their collective challenges so they can help our communities and future generations to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing community across Colorado is opening its doors to the public during the month of October to showcase its skilled workforce and innovative technologies;

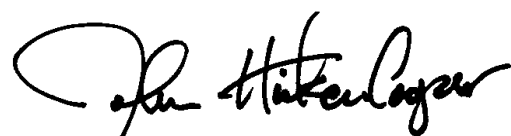
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, October 2016, as

MANUFACTURING MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this first day of
October, 2016*




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor