



WHEREAS, Colorado manufacturing boosts our state's economic growth and provides jobs for skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, Colorado’s 5,900 manufacturers contribute more than \$28 billion to our state’s economy each year; and

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

WHEREAS, workforce training and education is an essential tool to support manufacturers across our state and nation that face 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WHEREAS, Colorado is a national leader in transforming outdated understandings of manufacturing and developing manufacturing career pathways; and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, the Colorado Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the state’s vibrant manufacturing industry through its annual Coolest Thing Made in Colorado contest, a statewide, community-driven competition that highlights the innovative products made in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the winner of the fifth annual Coolest Thing Made in Colorado contest will be announced on November 12, 2026, at the Colorado Chamber’s Coolest Thing Made Awards Banquet; and

WHEREAS, we recognize last year’s Coolest Thing Made in Colorado Winner, FarmBox Foods, for their Vertical Hydroponic Farm, which uses upcycled shipping containers outfitted with advanced vertical farming technology to grow food efficiently year-round; and

WHEREAS, the economic future of Colorado depends on a strong, growing, and competitive modern manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, Colorado continues to invest in workforce training programs and apprenticeships to build our talent pipeline and fill the jobs of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Chamber of Commerce is committed to positioning our state economy for growth in its Vision 2033 blueprint for a better business climate; and

WHEREAS, Colorado’s manufacturing community is hosting several events to coincide with National Manufacturing Day on October 2, 2026, to empower manufacturers to come together and address their collective challenges so they can help our communities and future generations to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day provides students, parents, teachers, and community leaders a chance to see the promising career opportunities in modern manufacturing and for all people to come together to celebrate the contributions of modern manufacturing to Colorado;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2026, as

COLORADO 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, 2026



Jared Polis
Governor