



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 4,800 manufacturers contribute more than \$25 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, manufacturers are helping lead our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and national economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers have been essential to our pandemic response as they mobilized in historic ways to produce protective equipment, to develop vaccines and treatments and to continue supplying our daily essentials; 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 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WHEREAS, Colorado is a national leader in transforming outdated understandings of manufacturing and developing manufacturing career pathways; and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, researchers from Colorado's universities are developing the next generation of manufacturing technologies and processes through the ADAPT and DMDII initiatives; and

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

WHEREAS, Colorado's manufacturing community is hosting several events to coincide with National Manufacturing Day on October 1, 2021 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 October 2021 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, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor