



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Colorado's 4,800+ manufacturers contribute more than \$26 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 152,000 Coloradans who work in manufacturing produce key components that support the growth of our state's advanced industries; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers have supported our recovery from the continued economic challenges of the global pandemic, supplying our daily essentials, helping to address global supply shortages, and enhancing our national economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, workforce training and education is a critical tool to support manufacturers across our state and nation facing a shortage of skilled laborers; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is working to transform outdated understandings of manufacturing and to develop manufacturing career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the state's vibrant manufacturing industry through its inaugural Coolest Thing Made in Colorado contest, a new statewide, community-driven competition that will highlight the innovative products made in Colorado; 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, a strong, growing and competitive modern manufacturing industry will support the economic future of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's manufacturing community is hosting several events to coincide with National Manufacturing Day on October 7, 2022 to empower manufacturers to come together and address their collective challenges; 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 manufacturing to Colorado;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October, 2022 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, 2022



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

*Jared Polis
Governor*