WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Education and National Educational Organizations have proclaimed October 1-31, 2021, as Manufacturing Month; and

WHEREAS, recognizing October 1-31, 2021, as Manufacturing Month in Alabama is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing to the economy and draw attention to many regarding, high-skill jobs available in manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Month is an opportunity to introduce state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities to a new generation of students and future workers; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between manufacturing businesses and educational institutions at all levels are essential in preparing students for manufacturing careers today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is fortunate to be the home of many great manufacturing businesses, some of which are world leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in Alabama account for 37.98 billion dollars of output which represents 17.18 percent of the total output in the state; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing companies employ 271,000 individuals in Alabama which signifies 13.08 percent of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, our community’s manufacturing companies are vitally important to the prosperity of the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2021, as Manufacturing Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and local educational organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of Alabama’s education programs in preparing students for great career opportunities and academic excellence.

Done this 14th day of October 2021