

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 1-31, 2023, AS MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education has proclaimed October 1-31, 2023, as Manufacturing Month; and

WHEREAS, recognizing October 1-31, 2023, as Manufacturing Month in Alabama is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing to the economy and draw attention to the 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, providing resources to support and strengthen STEM education, infrastructure, technology hubs, and economic opportunities for all people; 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 12.5 billion dollars of wages which represents 10.7 percent of the total wages in the state; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing employs over 12.9 million American directly, and many more indirectly in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing companies employ 265,694 individuals in Alabama which signifies 12% percent of the workforce; and

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

WHEREAS, during Manufacturing Month, we commit to strengthening and supporting the Alabama manufactures and hardworking manufacturing employees of today as well as the manufacturers and workers of the future; 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, 2023, 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 12th day of October 2023