

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education has proclaimed October 2024 as Manufacturing Month; and

WHEREAS, recognizing October 2024, 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 23.1 billion dollars of wages which represents 15.2 percent of the total wages in the state; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing sector directly employs over 13.1 million Americans and supports countless additional jobs indirectly across the United States; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing companies employ 285,866 individuals in Alabama which signifies 12.6% percent of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing companies in our community play a crucial role in driving the prosperity and economic health of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, during Manufacturing Month, we commit to strengthening and supporting Alabama's manufacturers and hardworking employees of today, as well as the future manufacturers and workers; 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 2024 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 10th day of October 2024