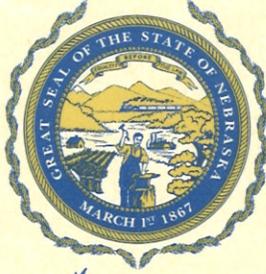


STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The manufacturing sector plays a vital role in Nebraska's state and local economies by promoting value-added innovation and prosperity for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS,

Manufacturing's contribution to the economic recovery and long-term economic growth extends to other economic sectors, including commodities and professional services; and

WHEREAS,

According to the latest data, Nebraska manufacturing is a leading job creator, with more than 1,700 manufacturing facilities employing almost 100,000 workers; and

WHEREAS,

Total output from Nebraska's manufacturing sector has reached nearly \$14 billion annually in recent years, accounting for approximately 13% of the total output in the state; and

WHEREAS,

Manufacturing compensation is nearly 34% higher than other non-farm employers in the state; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska manufacturing exports have risen 23% in the last five years to \$5.65 billion, with \$2.71 billion of those exports going to our nation's free-trade agreement partners.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October 2016 as

MANUFACTURING MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.



Attest:

John A. Gue
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
Governor