# 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 1,900 manufacturing facilities employing almost 97,000 workers; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Total output from Nebraska's manufacturing sector has reached nearly $13.2 billion annually in 2016, accounting for approximately 11.5% of the total output in the state; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Manufacturing compensation is nearly 21% higher than other workers; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Nebraska manufacturing exports have risen an average of 5.9% annually between 2006 and 2016, to $5.397 billion, with $2.724 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 2017 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 Second day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.*

*Attest:*

*Secretary of State*

*Governor*