

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers produce many world class products and use distinctive production processes to serve markets in the State of Mississippi, the United States and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing directly supports more than 141,000 individuals, or 12.5 percent of Mississippi's total jobs in all 82 counties, and helps to support more than 200,000 additional jobs in our local communities; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi ranks 9th in the nation in manufacturing employment; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers pay more than \$8 billion in wages and salaries annually; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing constitutes 14.4 percent of the gross state product of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers exported nearly \$10 billion worth of manufactured products to the world in 2015, including the state's top export markets of Canada, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala and China; and

WHEREAS, 52 Fortune 500 companies have 88 manufacturing plants in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, 109 international companies from 27 nations are engaged in manufacturing at 138 Mississippi plants; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing is the engine that powers Mississippi's economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 3-7, 2016, as

MANUFACTURING WEEK IN MISSISSIPPI

and acknowledge the positive impact the manufacturing industry has on our economy and our citizens, and that our economy will continue to grow through the maintenance of a strong manufacturing base in the state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 18th day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR