

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, manufacturers are helping lead our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and national economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing directly provides employment to more than 143,000 individuals, or 12.5 percent of Mississippi's total jobs in 82 counties; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing constitutes 16.18 percent of the gross state product of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers exported over \$11.05 billion worth of manufactured products to the world in 2019, including the state's top export markets of Canada, Mexico, Panama, Netherlands, and Honduras; and

WHEREAS, 37 Fortune 500 companies have 50 manufacturing plants in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, 173 international companies from 24 nations are engaged in manufacturing at 214 plants; and

WHEREAS, 70 percent of the United States Navy's fleet was manufactured in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the economic future of Mississippi depends on a strong, growing, and competitive modern manufacturing industry;

WHEREAS, according to a study by The Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte, manufacturers expect to fill 4.6 million jobs nationwide between now and 2028; and

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

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Week provides students, parents, teachers, and community leaders a chance to see the promising career opportunities in modern manufacturing and for all people to come together to celebrate the contributions of modern manufacturing to Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim September 28 – October 2, 2020, 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 2nd day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

