

# Template Proclamation 2014 Florida Manufacturing Month

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Manufacturing Day on the first Friday of the month of October, and recognizing Manufacturing Month throughout October is an effective way to expand knowledge about the value manufacturing brings to Florida's economy and to showcase the high-skilled high paid manufacturing jobs needed by the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, each day thousands of manufacturing jobs go unfilled in Florida because of a lack of skill; and

**WHEREAS**, the **BLANK**, the Florida TRADE Grant Consortium colleges; Florida's Career Source, the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) Center for Manufacturing Excellence supported by the regional manufacturers associations; and the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE) encourage Florida manufacturers to open their factory doors to high school students, college students, and veterans during that month for touring - inspiring them to consider a career in manufacturing; and

**WHEREAS**, by working together with educational institutions, manufacturers will begin to address the skilled labor shortage they face, connect with future generations, build the next generation of skilled manufacturing employees, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry; and

**WHEREAS**, **BLANK** commends and supports this important cause and the organizations involved;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the **BLANK**, does hereby declare October as "Manufacturing Month" and the first Friday of the month of October as "Manufacturing Day." **BLANK** urges all Floridians to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our county, state and the nation.

