



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, recognizing October 2, 2015, as Florida Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our nation's economy and to draw attention to the many rewarding, high-skilled manufacturing jobs, as well as supporting and celebrating Florida's manufacturers and school programs that prepare our future workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Sarasota/Manatee Area Manufacturers Association, Career Edge, APICS, Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence, National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA), Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), State College of Florida, and the Manatee Technical College support manufacturing and manufacturing careers; and

WHEREAS, coordination for Manufacturing Day student tours is led by the Sarasota/Manatee Area Manufacturers Association in conjunction with the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence and the Manatee School District to strengthen technical and academic skills of young adults enrolled in manufacturing, engineering, and design courses of study; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a cornerstone of our economy in Florida and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 600 manufacturing facilities in our area produce a diverse array of products and provide employment for approximately 10,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners commends and supports this important cause and the organizations involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that October 2, 2015, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

FLORIDA MANUFACTURING DAY

in Manatee County, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our county, state, and the nation.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 22nd day of September 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: **Angelina M. Colonnese**
Clerk Ad Interim of the Circuit Court
