NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

MANUFACTURING DAY

OCTOBER 6, 2023

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a significant creator of new wealth across North Dakota, including rural locations, with more than 890 manufacturing companies making a wide variety of products – such as agricultural machinery, food, transportation equipment, fabricated metals, minerals and wood products; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers employ and pay above-average wages to over 27,000 of our family, friends and neighbors in North Dakota, which is 6.8% of the workforce, earning average annual wages of over \$71,000; and are proud to have added 1,163 new jobs since 2021; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in North Dakota supplied \$4.54 billion in output, which is 7.3% of the total gross state product, and helped drive the economy with \$3.54 billion in manufactured goods exports in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ability to successfully address short-term and long-term workforce development relies upon expanding a positive perception of the manufacturing industry as a career choice; and

WHEREAS, the Fabricators and Manufacturing Association International, Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the Manufacturing Institute have designated October 6, 2023, as National Manufacturing Day, partnering in an effort to address the opportunities and challenges the manufacturing industry faces; and

WHEREAS, Impact Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Commerce, the Greater North Dakota Chamber and the Economic Development Association of North Dakota, are partnering with community groups, manufacturers and technical and community colleges to host Manufacturing Day events as part of this national program.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 6, 2023, MANUFACTURING DAY in the State of North Dakota.

POSSION TO THE PROPERTY OF THE

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE