



WHEREAS, manufacturing has historically represented the single largest economic sector in Illinois, employing 9.7 percent of the workforce and contributing more than \$580 billion in total annual economic output or nearly 14 percent of Illinois' GDP; and,

WHEREAS, more than 13,500 manufacturing companies call Illinois home and employ more than 724,300 of our families and neighbors, with each direct job supporting an additional 2.7 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois manufacturing industry represents a key economic pillar of the state's economy, comprising a diversified employment base across a wide range of industry subsectors, adding more than 16,000 jobs since 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has a diverse manufacturing economy with food and beverage, steel, chemicals, electronics, auto, pharmaceutical and life sciences, heavy equipment, advanced manufacturing, machining, electric vehicles, renewable energy components, and more; and,

WHEREAS, in collaboration with key partners, Illinois' manufacturing industry has grown through various initiatives such as international trade visits, celebratory industry days, and supply chain matchmaking for manufacturing sectors including electric vehicle, national defense, and aerospace; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois created multiple world-class manufacturing academies, apprenticeship tax credits, and dual credit programs to help educate a 21st-century manufacturing workforce; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois continues to lead on building the manufacturing talent pipeline through coordination with key partners on a statewide Manufacturing Jobs Campaign to bring awareness and increase talent to an industry that provides life-sustaining wages to support Illinois families; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois continues to grow as a global quantum technology powerhouse through an unparalleled ecosystem that includes national labs, research centers, universities, and one of the largest community college systems in the nation to develop the workforce for the jobs of the future; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois, in collaboration with key private-sector quantum technology leaders like IBM and Infleqtion, will build out facilities at the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park in Chicago to accelerate technologies for manufacturing and other growth industry sectors, driving the need for this talent pipeline; and,

WHEREAS, our annual celebration of manufacturing in our state emphasizes the new technologies, infrastructures, and expansions consisting of a more vibrant and robust workforce that offers excellent career opportunities, and recognizes with deep appreciation the vital role of manufacturing in every Illinois community and its ongoing contributions to our economy;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **Manufacturing Month** in Illinois and encourage local collaborative efforts that will increase knowledge of manufacturing careers and the industry's overall value to Illinois and our economy, for all residents to celebrate the contributions manufacturers make to the fabric of our state's communities, and assure the continued success of local events highlighting Manufacturing Month in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SIXTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FIVE, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and SIXTH.

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR