

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing has historically represented the single largest economic sector in Illinois, employing 9.5 percent of the workforce and contributing more than 580 billion dollars in total annual economic output or nearly 14 percent of Illinois' GDP - more than 14,000 manufacturing companies call Illinois home and employ more than 650,000 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**, the growing manufacturing industry, with an array of careers offered, allows anyone to be an integral participant in rising to meet future challenges and create new and innovative products that move our state into the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois, in partnership with the Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) and the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC), fostered growth in Illinois' manufacturing industry through various initiatives such as international trade visits, celebratory industry days, supply chain matchmaking for manufacturing sectors including electric vehicle, national defense, and aerospace, and participation in a statewide bus tour traveling over 2,100 miles to highlight Illinois' manufacturing companies to continue to strengthen Illinois' manufacturing ecosystem; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois created multiple world-class manufacturing academies, apprenticeship tax credits, and dual credit programs to help educate a 21st Century manufacturing workforce - Illinois continues to lead on building the manufacturing talent pipeline through coordination with key partners on a statewide manufacturing jobs campaign, set to launch in 2024, to bring awareness and increase talent to an industry that provides life-sustaining wages to support Illinois families; 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Manufacturing Month is for students, parents, educators, and all citizens 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;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **Manufacturing Month** in Illinois and encourage local collaborative efforts that are designed to expand knowledge about and improve public perception of manufacturing careers and the manufacturing industry's overall value to Illinois and our economy.

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

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*

*this* THIRTIETH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*

*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*

TWENTY-FOUR, *and of the State of Illinois,*

*two hundred and* FIFTH.



*Alexi Giannouh*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR