



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to the largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast and the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States, employing more than 470,000 workers and representing more than 10 percent of the total workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturers make significant contributions to our economy, and manufacturing accounts for 19 percent of our state's gross state product – the fifth highest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the immense skills and training required to work in manufacturing today; the North Carolina Community College System offers more than 800 courses covering manufacturing skills in biotechnology, aviation and defense, pharmaceuticals, and other advanced manufacturing fields; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's Community Colleges partner with local manufacturers to continuously develop and improve high-quality, customized training programs that draw on the latest technology and advances in manufacturing production, ensuring North Carolina's manufacturing workers stay a step ahead of the cutting edge; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing is a major driver of exports for North Carolina; in 2017, North Carolina exported \$32.6 billion in manufactured goods, led by chemicals, transportation equipment, and machinery; and

**WHEREAS**, during North Carolina Manufacturing Week, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of manufacturers in our state, as well as our manufacturing sector research initiatives and workforce development programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30 – October 6, 2018, as “**NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.