

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## **NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING WEEK**

**2017**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States, employing more than 460,000 workers and representing 10.6 percent of the total workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturers are making significant contributions to our economy; manufacturing accounts for 20 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; and


**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's Community Colleges are partnering 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 2016, North Carolina manufacturers exported \$28.25 billion in manufactured goods – mainly chemicals, computer and electronic products, 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 October 1 – 7, 2017, as “**NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.