

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING WEEK**

**2020**

**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 475,000 workers and representing more than 12 percent of the total workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturers make significant contributions to our economy, and manufacturing accounts for 17 percent of our state's gross state product - the seventh 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 College System is 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 always stay a step ahead; and

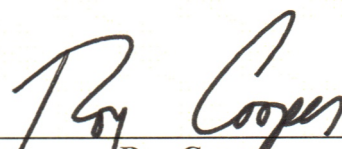
**WHEREAS**, manufacturing is a major driver of exports for North Carolina; in 2019, North Carolina exported \$32.8 billion in manufactured goods, led by pharmaceutical products, aircraft and automotive components, chemicals, and machinery; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's response to COVID-19 is heavily supported by the manufacturers that produce and donate Personal Protective Equipment, testing kits, and other critical supplies, as well as the biomanufacturers that have provided research and development treatments and detection tools to continue combating the pandemic; 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 27 – October 3, 2020, 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-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.