

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state has 7,326 manufacturing firms that build everything from the world's finest airplanes to high-tech medical devices to some of the world's best food and wines; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in Washington account for 12.4 percent of the state's total economic output representing more than \$5 8 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, some 282,000 Washingtonians work in manufacturing earning \$21.2 billion in wages, supporting families in middle-class jobs in urban and rural regions; and

WHEREAS, the average annual wage in manufacturing is \$72,460, which is 30 percent higher than the state's average annual wage; and

WHEREAS, Washington businesses will need more than 740,000 workers over the next several years, many in the high-tech manufacturing sector, making it a vital part of the state's economic health; and

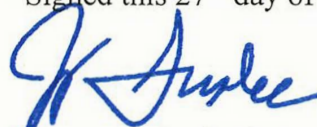
WHEREAS, manufacturing offers numerous entry-level opportunities while at the same time providing the ability to advance into management and executive positions;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

Careers in Manufacturing Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 27th day of September, 2018


Governor Jay Inslee

