

## MANUFACTURING DAY OCTOBER 4, 2019

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a significant creator of new wealth in North Dakota with more than 800 manufacturing companies making a wide variety of products – agricultural machinery, food, transportation equipment, fabricated metals, minerals and wood products; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers employ and pay above-average wages to over 26,000 of our family, friends and neighbors in North Dakota, which is around 6% of the workforce, earning average wages of over \$54,000; and are proud to have added 1,726 new jobs since 2016; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in North Dakota supply about 6.7% of North Dakota's economic output and have contributed to North Dakota's nation-leading export growth of 35% in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the ability to successfully address short-term and long-term workforce development relies upon expanding a positive perception of the manufacturing industry as a career choice; and

WHEREAS, the Fabricators and Manufacturing Association, International; Manufacturing Extension Partnership; National Association of Manufacturers and the Manufacturing Institute have designated October 4, 2019, as National Manufacturing Day, partnering in an effort to address the opportunities and challenges the manufacturing industry faces; and

WHEREAS, Impact Dakota and the North Dakota Department of Commerce are partnering with community groups, manufacturers and technical and community colleges to host Manufacturing Day events as part of this national program.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 4, 2019, MANUFACTURING DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE