

Proclamation

DESIGNATING OCTOBER, 2023, AS MANUFACTURING MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Whereas, the Manufacturing Institute has designated October 6, 2023 as National Manufacturing Day, a kick-off to Manufacturing Month, recognizing the manufacturing industry as vital to the economic health of our County, the State of Florida, and our entire country; and

Whereas, manufacturing is one of the cornerstones of our local economy, helping to sustain our quality of life while fostering a solid and diversified tax base in Indian River County; and

Whereas, Manufacturing Month is an excellent opportunity to shift perceptions in a positive direction regarding this industry, while building a foundation for a future manufacturing workforce; and

Whereas, manufacturing provides 2,383 high-wage and high-skill jobs in Indian River County, with 146 manufacturing firms paying an average annual wage of \$60,061, higher than our current average wage of \$54,314; this equates to over \$143-million in paychecks circulating throughout our local economy each year; and

Whereas, we join the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, the Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association, local educators, businesses and many volunteers in supporting our Manufacturing Bootcamp program, which introduces high school students and young adults to potential careers in manufacturing thus strengthening our workforce pipeline; and

Whereas, all residents are encouraged to take time to acknowledge Indian River County manufacturers, and their employees, for the positive economic impact they have in our county, the State of Florida, and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of October, 2023, be designated as **MANUFACTURING MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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