

County of Buncombe  
*Proclamation*

**Proclamation in Support of MFG Day  
by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

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 470,000 workers representing more than 10 percent of the total workforce; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is home to over 350 manufacturing firms specializing in the manufacture of a wide range of products including automotive and heavy duty truck components, aviation components, food and beverage, plastics, healthcare devices, printing and related support activities, and more; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years manufacturing jobs have increased by more than 20% in Buncombe County adding approximately 2,400 jobs; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing firms in Buncombe County support educational institutions including Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, A-B Tech, UNC Asheville, Western Carolina University along with many other educational institutions, nonprofits and charities in the county; and

WHEREAS, Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, A-B Tech and other educational institutions in the region offer state-of-the-art instruction in high demand careers serving the workforce needs of manufacturing employers in the region; and

WHEREAS, four of the top ten property taxpayers in Buncombe County are manufacturing firms; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing firms in the region have invested more than \$1 billion in capital investment over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County's average manufacturing wage in the county is \$66,907 which makes manufacturing one of the highest paying sectors in the county; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County's 13,000+ manufacturing jobs generate direct wages of over \$800 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, as part of national Manufacturing Week (the week of September 30 – October 4) and Manufacturing Day (October 4, 2019) thousands of educators, teachers and workforce partners will visit local manufacturing firms to increase awareness of the career opportunities available in this sector; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** BY THE Buncombe County Board of Commissioners as follows:

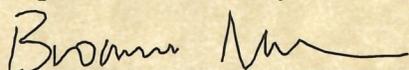
1. That October 4, 2019 be declared

## **Manufacturing Day**

in Buncombe County.

2. That citizens be urged to recognize the contribution that our local manufacturing sector makes in the successful growth, development and economic health of our entire community.

Adopted this the 1st day of October, 2019.



Brownie Newman, Chairman  
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

