



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Presentations

Department: Economic Development

Presenter(s): Nathan Ramsey

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Subject: Proclamation in Support of Manufacturing Day

Brief Summary:

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.

The manufacturing sector plays a key role in the Buncombe County economy:

- County is home to over 350 manufacturing firms specializing in the manufacture of a wide range of products; and
- Over the past five years manufacturing jobs have increased by more than 20% in Buncombe County adding approximately 2,400 jobs; and
- Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, A-B Tech and other educational institutions in the region offer state-of-the-art instruction in careers serving the workforce needs of manufacturing sector; and
- Buncombe County's 13,000+ manufacturing jobs generate direct wages of over \$800 million.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve the proclamation.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

Approved as presented.