

County of Buncombe

Proclamation

National Manufacturing Week & Manufacturing Day

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast and the 9th 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 375 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 over 13% in Buncombe County adding over 1,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing firms in Buncombe County support educational institutions including Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, AB 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 \$1.3 billion in capital investment over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County's average manufacturing wage in the county is \$57,252 which makes manufacturing one of the higher paying sectors in the county; and

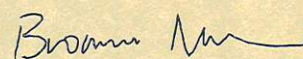
WHEREAS, Buncombe County's 13,700+ manufacturing jobs generate total wages of nearly \$800 million dollars annually;

WHEREAS, as part of national Manufacturing Week (the week of October 1 – October 7) and Manufacturing Day (October 7, 2022) hundreds 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 RESOLVED BY THE Buncombe County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners strongly support the region's manufacturing sector and is committed to helping manufacturing firms meet their talent needs.
2. That this Board pledges to educate and inform the region about the importance of the manufacturing sector and the Board will support **National Manufacturing Week and Manufacturing Day**.
3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 2022.



Brownie Newman, Chairman
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners