

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, manufacturing is vitally important to the Kansas economy, accounting for 15.6% of the state's total gross domestic product (GDP) and employing 8.9% of the total workforce; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers have been essential to our pandemic response as they mobilized in historic ways to produce protective equipment, to develop vaccines and treatments, and to continue supplying our daily essentials; and

WHEREAS, recognizing October 1, 2021, as Manufacturing Day in Kansas is an effective way to highlight the contributions of manufacturing to the economy and to draw attention to the many rewarding, high-skill jobs available in manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day is an opportunity to address common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show what manufacturing is, and what it isn't.; and

WHEREAS, government, industry, and communities need to unite to encourage more young people to explore the possibilities of modern manufacturing and learn about the opportunities in the industry to lead early on in their careers, design, work in teams, use the latest technology, and build the future; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day is designed to amplify the voice of individual manufacturers and coordinate a collective chorus of manufacturers with common challenges and concerns. The rallying point for a growing mass movement, Manufacturing Day empowers manufacturers to come together so they can help their communities and future generations thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 1st, 2021 as

Kansas Manufacturing Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 1st day of October, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

