



PROCLAMATION

MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, October is Manufacturing Month in Florida to show the importance of the manufacturing sector in our local, state, and national economies, and to draw attention to the many rewarding, high-skilled manufacturing careers available within our community; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is a cornerstone of our local economy and one of Sumter County's targeted industry for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Small Business Development Center at UCF–Sumter County, states approximately 300 manufacturing firms are located in Sumter County, whether large or small, they produce a diverse array of products right here in our community; and

WHEREAS, “EMSI Analytics” reports manufacturing jobs in Sumter County grew by 34% from 2016-2021, which was twice the national average. There are 1,339 employees working in the manufacturing industry in Sumter County. The average earnings per wage was \$76,032, up approximately \$7,000 from last year's report; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners commends and supports this important, targeted industry, as well as organizations involved in advocacy and support of educational and career advancement opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, hereby proclaims:

The Month of October 2022, as:

MANUFACTURING MONTH

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 20th day of September 2022, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

Caroline Alrestimawi
Deputy Clerk

Craig A. Estep
Chairman