



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: From life-saving medical devices and nourishing foods to precision equipment and innovative outdoor gear, Minnesota manufacturers create products that improve lives and carry the state's ingenuity around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Manufacturing's \$61 billion contribution to the state economy in 2025 represented 11.5 percent of Minnesota's gross domestic product; and
- WHEREAS: With more than 92,325 projected job openings through 2034, manufacturing remains a reliable pathway to family-sustaining careers in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota manufacturers are pioneering advances in automation, microelectronics, medical technology and sustainable production, ensuring that the industry remains competitive and innovative for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota-made goods carry our state's ingenuity around the globe, bringing \$21.8 billion into the state economy in 2025 through manufactured exports alone; and
- WHEREAS: Behind every Minnesota-made product are highly skilled workers whose creativity, expertise, and dedication strengthen Minnesota's communities and quality of life; there are more than 315,250 people working in Minnesota's manufacturing sector who took home \$27.3 billion in wages in 2025, the second-largest total payroll among private sector industries; and
- WHEREAS: Manufacturing careers in Minnesota paid an average annual wage of more than \$86,600 in 2025, \$9,660, or 12.6 percent, above the state's overall average wage; and
- WHEREAS: Under the Walz-Flanagan Administration, Minnesota created more than 69,000 new jobs, launched more than 35,000 new businesses, and increased average weekly wages nearly 30 percent, strengthening the workforce and business climate supporting manufacturers statewide; and
- WHEREAS: Manufacturing jobs provide not only family-sustaining wages but also opportunities for growth, innovation and pride in building the products, technologies and communities that move Minnesota forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as:

MANUFACTURING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE