



# PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## FLORIDA MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, October 7, 2016 is recognized as *Florida Manufacturing Day* and the month of October is recognized as *Florida Manufacturing Month* which are effective ways to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our nation's economy and to draw attention to the many rewarding, high-skilled manufacturing jobs, as well as supporting and celebrating Florida's manufacturers and school programs that prepare our future workforce; *and*

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Manufacturers Association (BAMA), the Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association (UTBMA), Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE), Pinellas Technical College, the University of South Florida College of Engineering (USF-COE), and St. Petersburg College (SPC)-Florida TRADE group support manufacturing businesses and manufacturing careers; *and*

WHEREAS, coordination for statewide Manufacturing Day student tours is led by Florida Advanced Technological Education center of Excellence (FLATE) to strengthen technical and academic skills of young adults enrolled in manufacturing, engineering and design courses of study; *and*

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a cornerstone of our economy in Florida and the United States and provides jobs for approximately 50,396 citizens in Tampa Bay; and manufacturing facilities in our county make products as diverse as high tech computers; gourmet flavorings sold in restaurants worldwide; and components used in jet aircraft systems; *and*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners commends and supports this important cause and the organizations involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that October 7, 2016 be recognized as

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and as a community we recognize the value of our manufacturers and the importance they serve in our county, state and the nation by celebrating October as Florida Manufacturing Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Justice in blue ink.

**Charlie Justice**, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Dave Eggers in blue ink.

**Dave Eggers**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Pat Gerard in blue ink.

**Pat Gerard**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Long in blue ink.

**Janet C. Long**, Vice Chairman

Handwritten signature of John Morroni in blue ink.

**John Morroni**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Karen Williams Seel in blue ink.

**Karen Williams Seel**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Kenneth T. Welch in blue ink.

**Kenneth T. Welch**, Commissioner

