

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the innovative spirit of creating, refining, developing, and building products that change the world is part of Washington's dynamic DNA, embodied in entrepreneurial risk-takers who open and sustain businesses as well as the hard-working employees who build with care and skill; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has more than 7,600 manufacturing firms that build everything from high-tech aerospace and medical devices to some of the world's best foods and beverages; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in Washington account for eight percent of the state's total economic output, representing more than \$68.3 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, some 271,000 Washingtonians, roughly 7.6 percent of the state's workforce, go to work every day in the manufacturing sector, supporting families in middle-class jobs in urban and rural regions; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing offers numerous entry-level opportunities while also providing the ability to advance into management and executive positions; and

WHEREAS, the average annual wage in Washington's manufacturing sector is \$96,724, with manufacturing jobs supporting families through quality jobs and communities through a strong, resilient tax base; and

WHEREAS, our state's educational system, from trades-based classes in high schools to industry-aligned training in the state's community and technical college system and high-tech research and development at our public and private universities is training the next generation of inventors and builders; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, the importance of manufacturing to our state's economic present and future is celebrated every October by a cross-state bus tour that has visited hundreds of Washington manufacturers; and

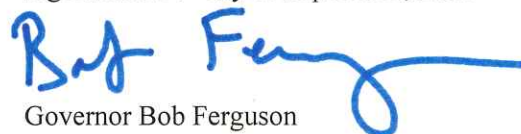
WHEREAS, Washington was the first state in the nation with a Manufacturing Week Bus Tour, and this year marks the 10th anniversary of the observance, that has since been duplicated across the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

Manufacturing Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 14th day of September, 2026


Governor Bob Ferguson

