

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington recognizes the vital role that manufacturing plays in our economy, workforce, and overall prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing is a cornerstone of innovation, productivity, and competitiveness, driving advancements in technology and production processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the manufacturing sector has a significant impact on job creation and contributes to the growth of small and large businesses throughout our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington's manufacturers have consistently exhibited their commitment to excellence, producing high-quality goods and products that are sought after both nationally and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of industries in Washington, such as aerospace, electronics, biotechnology, agriculture, consumer goods and renewable energy, highlights the strength and adaptability of our manufacturing base; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in manufacturing not only fosters job growth but also promotes skill development and provides opportunities for upward mobility for our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Manufacturing Month presents an exceptional opportunity to raise awareness about the significance of manufacturing in our state and to showcase the achievements, contributions, and potential of our manufacturing sector; and

**WHEREAS**, by encouraging collaboration between businesses, educational institutions, and communities, we can further nurture a skilled workforce that is adept at meeting the evolving needs of the manufacturing industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

### *Manufacturing Month*

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

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

