

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION

National Manufacturing Week 2025

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is a vital part of the economy of Franklin County, NC, contributing \$203 million in total wages, in 2024, to the prosperity and economic growth of the County; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County, NC is home to a diverse range of 59 manufacturers, with over 2,665 jobs, producing goods that are essential to various industries; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing in North Carolina represents the second-largest industry in the State, with over 11,000 businesses and employing approximately 460,000 workers, contributing more than \$108 billion to the State's Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and

WHEREAS, For every dollar spent in manufacturing, an additional \$1.81 is generated for North Carolina's economy and for every new 100 direct manufacturing jobs ~740 new indirect jobs are created, showcasing the profound impact this sector has on economic development and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry offers rewarding career opportunities for Franklin County, NC residents, from high-tech jobs in advanced manufacturing to critical roles in the production of essential goods; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County, NC remains committed to supporting the growth of manufacturing through investments in education and workforce development, ensuring our local workforce has the skills needed to thrive in 21st century manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Week, celebrated from October 3-10, 2025, provides an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our local manufacturers and their employees, and the significant positive contributions they make to our local economy and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 3-October 10, 2025, as Manufacturing Week in Franklin County, North Carolina, and commend its observance to all residents, urging the community to join in recognizing the importance of the manufacturing sector to our local and state economy.

APPROVED this the 6th day of October, 2025.

David Bunn, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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