STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; manufacturers are the backbone of Wisconsin's economy, employing more than 450,000 Wisconsinites, more than 16 percent of Wisconsin's workforce, and contributing more than $50 billion to Wisconsin's economic growth; and

WHEREAS; manufacturing in Wisconsin has moved rapidly into the 21st century, developing cutting-edge technologies that keep Wisconsin businesses at the forefront of innovation, including our first-in-the-nation apprenticeship program, which provides outstanding talent in many specialized and highly technical fields; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's government agencies are wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that Wisconsin manufacturers and workers can access the resources needed to thrive, including significant investments that support workforce and economic development, enabling private-sector job creation and supporting the independence of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Revenue, and Wisconsin Technical College System are partnering with Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership, UW – Stout's Manufacturing Outreach Center, and other stakeholders to plan and promote the month's events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

MANUFACTURING MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of September 2015.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State