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BCC Agenda Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Approval of a Proclamation naming the month of October as Manufacturing Month in Clackamas County. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review: None

Performance Clackamas: Vibrant Economy

Counsel Review: Yes

Procurement Review: N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Manufacturing and the skilled trades are essential to Clackamas County's economy, contributing innovation, quality jobs, infrastructure, products, services, and opportunities for residents and businesses throughout our region. To recognize manufacturing and the skilled trades, there is a national initiative to declare the the month of October as Manufacturing Month. This effort seeks to address the skilled labor shortage, change outdated perceptions of manufacturing, and introduce students and educators to modern careers. Factories and plants across the country open their doors for tours, hands-on activities, and career events.

Manufacturing Month is supported nationally by groups like the Manufacturing Institute and the National Association of Manufacturers, as well as local institutions like Clackamas Workforce Partnership, Clackamas Community College (CCC), and Oregon Business & Industry (OBI), who support our own homegrown industry partners. There have been local events already this month, showcasing manufacturing and skilled trades.

On October 2, CCC hosted a Manufacturing Day highlighting the trades in Clackamas County, featuring the largest hands-on career fair celebrating manufacturing and the skilled trades. Each year, this high-impact event brings together up to 1,000 middle school and high school students to explore real-world pathways in manufacturing and trade. At CCC, visiting students are able to explore exhibitions and interactive demonstrations hosted by local manufacturing businesses. Student groups are also provided the opportunity to attend tours at manufacturing facilities to gain a behind-the-scenes look at and the exciting careers available in Clackamas County.

Since 2022, OBI has hosted the Manufacturing and Innovation Roadshow. The roadshow is a valuable educational experience for legislators, local policymakers, and business leaders. It's also a lot of fun. It gives participants a chance to tour some of Oregon's most iconic and innovative companies, talk to the people who run them, and even have unexpected adventures.

The Manufacturing and Innovation Roadshow has made more than 50 stops across the state since 2022, from Astoria to Klamath Falls to Pendleton. This year's tour took place on Manufacturing Day, Friday, October 2, at two Portland-based and two Clackamas-based manufacturers: Leatherman and Looptworks in Portland, and Miles Fiberglass & Composites and QB Fabrication in Clackamas.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Board approval of the attached Proclamation the month of October as Manufacturing Month in Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Manufacturing Month Resolution

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Month of
October as Manufacturing Month in
Clackamas County



Resolution No.

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Whereas, manufacturing and the skilled trades are essential to Clackamas County's economy, contributing innovation, quality jobs, infrastructure, products, services, and opportunities for residents and businesses throughout our region; and

Whereas, the manufacturing sector depends on a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce prepared to meet the evolving needs of modern industry, including advanced technology, automation, welding, industrial technology, automotive, production, maintenance, and related career fields; and

Whereas, Clackamas County recognizes that career-connected learning, hands-on experiences, and meaningful engagement with local employers help young people discover rewarding pathways to family-wage careers, post-secondary education, apprenticeships, and lifelong professional growth; and

Whereas, Manufacturing Day and Manufacturing Month offer an opportunity to celebrate the businesses, educators, workforce partners, skilled professionals, and students whose collaboration strengthens Clackamas County's economic vitality and prepares our community for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The first Friday in October is proclaimed as Manufacturing Day and the whole month of October is proclaimed as Manufacturing Month in Clackamas County.

Section 2: Residents, schools, employers, and community partners are encouraged to join in recognizing the value of manufacturing and the skilled trades.

Section 3: Local employers are encouraged to participate in Manufacturing Month and help inspire the next generation of skilled professionals by sharing the innovation, career opportunities, and community impact of modern manufacturing.

DATED this 15th day of October 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary