



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October, as a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and to educate the public at large on the importance of the role manufacturers play in our daily lives and the growing skill-shortage despite the high volume of job openings in the sector; and

WHEREAS, the local manufacturing sector comprised of more than 400 businesses consistently contributes the most significant portion of the gross domestic product in Williamson County, exceeding \$6.3 billion in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County recognizes the importance of a thriving manufacturing sector and works to fuel economic growth and build a sustainable future for our citizens. The prosperity of our community depends on the education and vocational opportunities that align with our manufacturers' skilled labor needs, as well as continued development of advanced manufacturing capabilities and processes; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs are critical to the economy of Williamson County, and the industry should be recognized for its high-tech, high-skilled, and well-paid career options — careers where average annual compensation and benefits are higher than the average across all sectors; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County and Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area are committed to strengthening and developing worker competencies through career and technology education, building a robust workforce pipeline for Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims October 2021 as Manufacturing Month in Williamson County, to show appreciation and recognition to the many manufacturing companies in our community that are vital to Williamson County's economic success.

Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court