

WHEREAS; a diverse and dynamic manufacturing industry is critical to Wisconsin’s economic prosperity as the industry employs more than 465,000 Wisconsinites, accounts for over 16 percent of the state’s gross domestic product, and generates nearly \$74 billion in economic output, according to the National Association of Manufacturers; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, partner agencies, and organizations play a key role in supporting Wisconsin manufacturing by advocating for workers’ rights, ensuring workplace safety, and providing skill-building opportunities for people statewide, including individuals with disabilities, justice-involved individuals, and other individuals who might otherwise face barriers to entering the workforce; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin supports the manufacturing sector through collaborative workforce training programs, including the state’s Registered Apprenticeship program, which achieved its third consecutive year of record participation in 2024, with over 17,000 participants; and

WHEREAS; government, K-12, and post-secondary institutions also deliver industry-driven training through Wisconsin’s Youth Apprenticeship program, which had a record participation of over 11,000 students during the 2024-25 school year, including over 1,500 students working with hundreds of Wisconsin manufacturers; and

WHEREAS; this occasion serves as a reminder of the numerous contributions of Wisconsin’s manufacturing businesses and talent development resources, as well as the strength and continued growth of the manufacturing community in the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting the growth, prosperity, and economic advancement of all workers, employers, and job seekers in the manufacturing industry and to helping future generations explore career opportunities in manufacturing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

**MANUFACTURING MONTH**

and October 3 2025 as

**MANUFACTURING DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

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 29th day of September 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State