



September 19, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Manufacturing Month Proclamation

Item Description

This item requests Board action through the issuance of a proclamation recognizing Manufacturing Month and Day and the role that TCC and the Kim B. Williams Advanced Manufacturing Training Center plays in contributing to the industry's vitality.

Overview and Background

Manufacturing Month is a month long celebration of the manufacturing industry. Academic institutions, manufacturers, workforce development leaders and associations all come together with a common goal of increasing awareness and interest about the manufacturing sector.

Past Actions by the Board

Approval and Issuance.

Funding/Financial Implications

None

Staff Resource

Kimberly Moore

Recommended Action

Staff Recommendation: Request that the Board issue a proclamation in support of the targeted efforts underway to address the needs of the manufacturing industry/sector.

Manufacturing Month/Day Proclamation 2016

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Month has been encouraged by Tallahassee Community College & its partners as the appropriate way to highlight the necessity of advanced manufacturing to the economic vitality of communities across the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, each day as many as 500,000 manufacturing jobs go unfilled across the United States because of a lack of skill; and

WHEREAS, Tallahassee Community College specifically through the College's Division of Workforce Development – Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC) Programs and the Division of Business, Industry and Technology (BIT) – Associate in Science (AS) Engineering Technology (ET) Degree and College Credit Certificate Programs that provide numerous training opportunities to students, incumbent workers and employers throughout Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Organizations of Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla Counties and the College's Division of Workforce Development – Kim B. Williams Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC) work closely to bring together education leaders and manufacturers in order to address the skilled labor shortage the industry faces, connect with future generations, build the next generation of skilled manufacturing employees, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day, October 7, 2016, has been recognized as an effective way to expand knowledge about the value manufacturing brings to Florida's economy and to showcase the high-skilled, high-paid manufacturing jobs needed by the industry; and

WHEREAS, Tallahassee Community College's Division of Workforce Development – Kim B. Williams Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC) efforts of Manufacturing Day to open its doors to potential students (high school and adult students alike) on that day for touring, inspiring them to pursue careers in manufacturing;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Tallahassee Community College District Board of Trustees, does hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2016 as Manufacturing Month and October 7, 2016 as Manufacturing Day, and urge all students, faculty and staff of Tallahassee Community College to join in recognizing the value of manufacturers and the important role they serve in our country, state and region.