STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Manufacturing is a dynamic and robust industry, crucial to the health and strength of Minnesota's diverse economy; and

WHEREAS: The manufacturing industry contributed $48.2 billion to Minnesota's economy in 2015, and at 16 percent, is the second largest industry contributing to the state's private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS: In 2015, workers took home $20 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs, the second-highest amount among the state's business sectors; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing exports brought $18.9 billion into Minnesota in 2015; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing provides over 317,000 highly skilled, high-paying jobs, which significantly contribute to Minnesota's economic vitality and high quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-8, 2016, as:

MANUFACTURING WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 9th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE