MANUFACTURING DAY

OCTOBER 3, 2025

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast and the ninth largest population in the United States, employing over 479,000 manufacturing workers representing nine percent of the total workforce, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is home to over 400 manufacturing firms specializing in advanced mobility and creative manufacturing like aerospace, automotive, navigation, artisanal food & beverage, energy technology, industrial machinery, medical devices, and outdoor products, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools, A-B Tech, UNC Asheville, Western Carolina University, and workforce partners in the region offer state-of-the-art training and education in high-demand careers serving the workforce needs of manufacturing employers in the region, and;

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, manufacturing jobs have increased by over fifteen percent in Buncombe County, adding close to 1,700 jobs, making manufacturing one of the highest paying sectors in the County with over 12,700 jobs generating total wages of over $850 million annually, and;

WHEREAS, five of the top ten property taxpayers in Buncombe County are manufacturing firms; and based on the Economic Development Coalition project announcements, manufacturing firms in the region have invested more than $1.06 billion in capital investment over the past five years, and

WHEREAS, as part of National Manufacturing Week (October 3 – October 10, 2025) and Manufacturing Day (October 3, 2025), hundreds of educators, teachers, and workforce partners will visit local manufacturing firms to increase awareness of the career opportunities available in this sector, and;

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim **October 3, 2025** as **Manufacturing Day** in Buncombe County and strongly support the region's manufacturing sector.

This 16th day of October, 2025.

Amanda Edwards

Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners