NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY AND
NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MONTH
OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, advanced manufacturing is an important part of the economies of North Carolina and Buncombe County, locally supporting over 12,800 jobs, generating total annual wages of nearly $900 million, with a diverse range of industries investing $1.16 billion in capital over the last six years; and,

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is home to a strong and innovative manufacturing community, including companies in aerospace, navigation, automotive, food and beverage, energy technology, industrial machinery, medical devices, outdoor products, and other advanced manufacturing industries; and,

WHEREAS, local schools, community colleges, universities, and workforce partners help prepare students and workers for rewarding careers in advanced manufacturing and connect employers with the talent they need to grow; and,

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Day and National Manufacturing Month provide opportunities for students, educators, workforce partners, and the community to learn more about modern manufacturing and the career opportunities it offers; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions of local manufacturers and the people who work in this sector helps highlight their significant role in the economic vitality and quality of life of Buncombe County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners proclaims **October 2, 2026** as **National Manufacturing Day** and **October 2026** as **National Manufacturing Month** in Buncombe County. We encourage residents to learn more about the people, businesses, innovation, and career opportunities that contribute to the County's advanced manufacturing community.

This 15th day of September, 2026.

Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners