

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers produce many world class products and use distinctive production processes to serve markets in the state of Mississippi and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing directly employs more than 136,700, or 12 percent of, Mississippi jobs in all 82 counties and helps to add more than 200,000 additional jobs in our local communities; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi ranks 9th in the nation in manufacturing employment; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers pay more than \$7.75 billion in wages and salaries annually; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing contributes more than \$16 billion, or 15 percent, to the gross state product of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi manufacturers exported nearly \$12 billion worth of manufactured products to the world in 2013, including the state's top export markets of Panama, Canada and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, 55 Fortune 500 companies have 83 manufacturing plants in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, 90 international companies from 22 nations are engaged in manufacturing at 108 Mississippi plants; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing is the engine that powers Mississippi's economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 29 – October 3, 2014, as

MANUFACTURING WEEK IN MISSISSIPPI

and acknowledge the positive impact the manufacturing industry has on our economy and our citizens, and that our economy will continue to grow through the maintenance of a strong manufacturing base in the state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Mississippi
to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the
23rd day of September, in the year of
our Lord, two thousand and fourteen,
and of the Independence of the
United States of America, the two
hundred and thirty-ninth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR