



*City of Alachua, Florida*

*Office of Mayor Gib Coerper*

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS*, the goals of Manufacturing Month are to celebrate the impact manufacturing has on Greater Gainesville, increase awareness about the benefits of a manufacturing career, and attract students to future manufacturing jobs; and

*WHEREAS*, recognizing October 2019 as Manufacturing Month is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our community and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our future workforce; and

*WHEREAS*, Alachua County's 256 manufacturers provide jobs for approximately 5,500 Alachua County citizens and create products ranging from body armor to medical devices; and

*WHEREAS*, the Greater Gainesville Chamber's Advanced Manufacturing Council, regional companies and education/workforce partners supporting manufacturing and manufacturing careers through increased collaboration and service to the areas manufacturing community; and

*WHEREAS*, CareerSource North Central Florida supports and advocates for the regional manufacturing industry by securing federal workforce grants and operating programs to train the regional manufacturing workforce, including the Maker Professional Apprenticeship Grant and hosting a Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Job Fair on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 A.M.-1 P.M. at the Gainesville Career Center.

*WHEREAS*, coordination for Manufacturing Month student awareness events is led by the Chamber's Advanced Manufacturing Council to raise awareness among students about the variety of jobs available in manufacturing and inspire students to pursue areas of study such as business, design and engineering; and

*WHEREAS*, manufacturing brings increased economic diversity to our society by providing high-paying jobs at all skill levels and furthering our community's standard of living by focusing on technology, innovation, & production; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, representing the City and the City Commission, do proclaim October as Manufacturing Month, and urge all citizens to discover the value manufacturing brings to our economy and encourages students, families and the City of Alachua workforce to learn about the possibility of manufacturing as a career.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Gib Coerper, Mayor