"MANUFACTURING MONTH"

WHEREAS, manufacturing makes a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy and the prosperity of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Victoria is home to 200 manufacturers with many leading innovation in sectors such as machinery, food manufacturing and metal products; and

WHEREAS, in British Columbia manufacturing is the third largest contributor to the provincial economy generating \$15 billion in value-added output – equivalent to 7.3% of all economic activity in BC; and

WHEREAS, over 67.6% of the province's exports are manufactured goods; and

WHEREAS, every dollar in manufacturing generates \$3.50 elsewhere in the economy; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing provides well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities to 172,500 people across the province with wages that are nearly 15% higher than the provincial average; and

WHEREAS, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and partner organizations such as boards of trades, chambers, municipal and provincial governments are presenting an intense calendar of events, industry tours, workshops and student initiatives, including The BC Manufacturing Hal of Fame Awards through the month of October to heighten the profile of manufacturing and reinforce that manufacturing professions and skilled trades occupations are inspiring and rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember manufacturing matters; everything each citizen encounters on a daily basis was created, designed, developed and produced by a manufacturer.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as "MANUFACTURING MONTH" in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESOUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of September, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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