"MANUFACTURING MONTH"

WHEREAS, Manufacturing makes a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy and the prosperity of its citizens, and every dollar spent in manufacturing contributes three dollars to the economy; and

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

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is the 3rd largest employer in British Columbia and provides honourable and well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities with wages that are +15% higher than the national average. The manufacturing sector pays annually an estimated \$8.4 billion in wages. Every manufacturing job created leads to almost three new jobs in total; and

WHEREAS, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) is the country's leading trade and industry association serving as the voice of 10,000 leading companies. In partnership with the Alliance for Manufacturing in BC and partner organizations such as boards of trades, chamber, municipal and provincial governments are presenting an intense calendar of events, industry tours, workshops and student initiatives, including The BC Manufacturing Hall of Fame Awards and a rolling job fair 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; something each citizen encounters or consumes on a daily basis came from a manufacturer.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as "MANUFACTURING MONTH" in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 1^{st} day of October, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored By: Marlon Kuster Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters BC