



Proclamation

Presented to

The Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, founded in 1850, is the largest business organization in the state, representing more than 1,000 businesses which employ more than 200,000 individuals, working on behalf of its membership to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern; and

WHEREAS, the INNOVATE Hawai'i Program is an affiliate center of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) and administered locally by the State of Hawai'i's High Technology Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, INNOVATE Hawai'i assists small- to medium-sized manufacturers and pre-manufacturers to overcome their growth issues and succeed in the global market; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 manufacturers in Hawai'i, with 71 percent of the state's export share, that provide over 13,500 jobs with average annual compensation of over \$42,800 per year, or 15 percent more than other private non-farm jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Manufacturing Institute (MI), the NIST Hollings MEP, Industrial Strength Marketing (ISM), the Science Channel and American Made Movie created Manufacturing Day on October 3, 2014, a growing grassroots movement of manufacturers dedicated to overcoming their collective challenges and helping their communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of U.S. manufacturers across the nation will participate in Manufacturing Day by hosting open houses, public tours, career workshops and other events to draw the public's attention to work opportunities in manufacturing and encourage job seekers to develop the skills they need to qualify for long-term careers in this secure and growing sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawaii have joined the movement and will be hosting a manufacturing facilities tour to highlight the importance of manufacturing to our community and the U.S. economy in general, with the goal of sharing information about careers in the manufacturing sector and demonstrating to the public that modern manufacturing is a technology-driven industry that offers secure, well-paying jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2014, as

"MANUFACTURING DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the many contributions of the state's manufacturers to our dynamic and growing economy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of October, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i