

## MANUFACTURING MONTH OCTOBER 1 – 31, 2019

WHEREAS: manufacturing makes a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy

and the prosperity of its citizens; and

WHEREAS: Nanaimo is home to over 130 manufacturers with many leading innovations in

sectors such as fabricated metal products, food manufacturing and wood products;

and

WHEREAS: in British Columbia manufacturing is the third largest contributor to the

provincial economy generating \$55.5 billion in value-added output – equivalent to

8.0% of all economic activity in BC; and

WHEREAS: over 61% of the province's exports are manufactured goods; and

WHEREAS: the Job Plan introduced Advanced Manufacturing as one of four Jobs Plan sectors

that are expected to see major growth in the coming years, creating sustainable,

long-term, high-paying jobs for our next generation; and

WHEREAS: manufacturing provides well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities to

174,200 people across the province; and

WHEREAS: Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) and partner organizations such as

boards of trades, chambers, academic institutions, municipal and provincial governments are presenting an intense calendar of events, workshops and 30 youth plant tours through the month of October to heighten the profile of manufacturing and reinforce that manufacturing professions and skilled trade

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, Ben Geselbracht, Acting Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim

and declare that October 1 to 31, 2019 shall be known as:

'MANUFACTURING MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo

Ben Geselbracht ACTING MAYOR

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DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019