

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, the first Manufacturing Day (MFG DAY) was held October 5, 2012, and has continued to be observed the first Friday in October for North American manufacturers to open their doors to showcase the potential of modern manufacturing and foster interest in manufacturing careers; and,

WHEREAS, the MFG DAY mission is to empower manufacturers to improve the public perception of manufacturing careers and the sector's value to the economic health of the United States by connecting them to business improvement, community resources and next-generation workers; and,

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1893, Flathead County has been a supplier of wood products to the nation and world, and continues to make superior products today through companies like Plum Creek Timber Company, FH Stoltze Land and Lumber Company, and SmartLam Technology; and,

WHEREAS, just as Flathead County has grown, so has manufacturing in our county, which is now home to over 500 manufacturing firms providing 4,000 jobs at Applied Materials, Proof Research, ViZn Energy, and Kalispell Creamery, to name a few; and,

WHEREAS, Flathead County is well positioned for future manufacturing growth opportunities with new manufacturers in food and beverage, computer equipment, energy, communications, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and machining; and,

WHEREAS, in celebration of MFG DAY, the Manufacturers Alliance at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce will facilitate tours of our county's manufacturing facilities from September 22, 2015 to October 22, 2015, to showcase career opportunities in this field and the breadth and quality of products made in Flathead County; and,

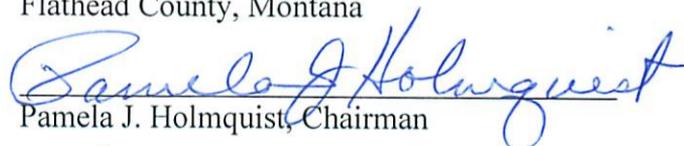
WHEREAS, educators will showcase curriculum that is helping students prepare for high wage careers in modern manufacturing, including: Glacier High School's Engineering Academy, Flathead High School's Biomedical Academy, Kalispell Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum, and Flathead Valley Community College's Center for Advanced Manufacturing Excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Flathead County Commissioners hereby proclaim October 2, 2015, as MANUFACTURING DAY in recognition of Flathead County's manufacturing companies and their employees for their contributions to high-wage jobs for our county's families.

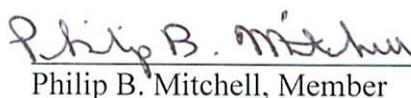
DATED this 15th day of September 2015



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