

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 132**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2014 AS MANUFACTURING MONTH.**

**WHEREAS**, Recognizing October 2014 as Manufacturing Month is an effective way to expand the knowledge about the value of manufacturing brings to Florida's economy and to showcase the high-skilled high paid manufacturing jobs needed by the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Manufacturing is a cornerstone of the economy of Florida and the United States of America, with each job directly created by manufacturing expenditures, an additional 1.7 jobs are created through indirect and induced impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, each day thousands of manufacturing jobs go unfilled in Florida because of a lack of skill; and

**WHEREAS**, Manufacturing provides high wage, high skill jobs for over 25,000 workers in the First Coast region of Northeast Florida, and makes products as diverse as flavors and fragrances and medical devices to coffee, paper, machine parts, and surgical instruments; and

**WHEREAS**, First Coast Manufacturers Association (FCMA), an organization representing manufacturers, logistics and associated firms in Northeast Florida whose members employ more than 50% of the total manufacturing workers in the region and generating nearly 15% of the total gross regional product, supports manufacturing and manufacturing careers; and

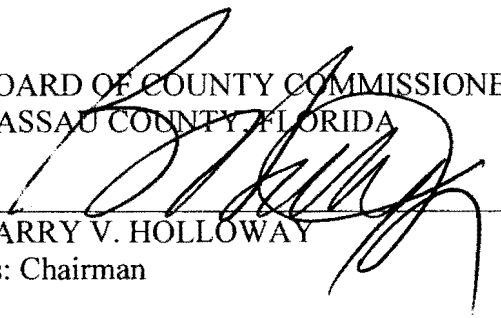
**WHEREAS**, FCMA, the Florida TRADE Grant Consortium colleges, Florida's CareerSource, the Manufacturers Association of Florida Center for Manufacturing Excellence supported by the regional manufacturers association, and the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence (FLATE) encourage Florida manufacturers to open their factory doors to high school students, college students, and veterans during that month for touring, inspiring them to consider a career in manufacturing; and

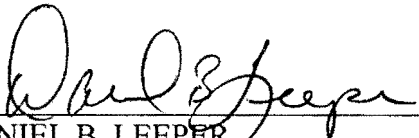
**WHEREAS**, by working together with educational institutions, manufacturers will begin to address the skilled labor shortage they face, connect with future generations, build the next generation of skilled manufacturing employees, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014, that:


1. The month of October 2014 is proclaimed "*Manufacturing Month*" in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens of Nassau County to join in recognizing the value of our manufacturers and the important role they serve in our county, the state and the nation.

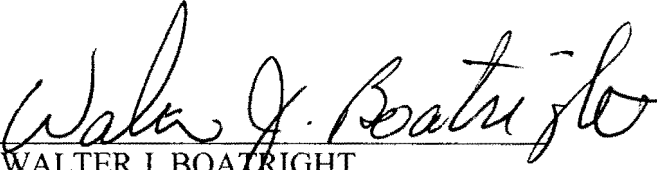
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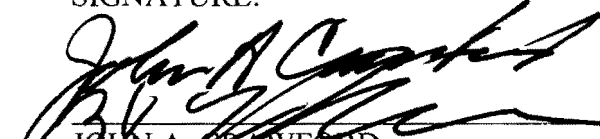
  
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