Whereas, modern manufacturing is advancing human progress and providing rewarding careers for the people of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, manufacturers are helping lead our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and national economic crisis; and

Whereas, manufacturers have been essential to our pandemic response as they mobilized in historic ways to produce protective equipment, to develop vaccines and treatments and to continue supplying our daily essentials; and

Whereas, manufacturers are inventing and deploying the technologies of the future to make our lives better and strengthen our economy; and

Whereas, manufacturers are saying, "Creators Wanted," as they search for and hire talented individuals of diverse backgrounds to bolster this innovation and fill hundreds of thousands of open jobs nationwide; and

Whereas, according to a study by The Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte, manufacturers expect to fill 4.6 million jobs between now and 2028; and

Whereas, government, industry, and communities need to unite to encourage more young people to explore the possibilities of modern manufacturing and learn about the opportunities in the industry to lead early on in their careers, design, work in teams, use the latest technology and build the future; and

Whereas, the economic future of Oklahoma depends on a strong, growing, and competitive modern manufacturing industry; and

Whereas, MFG Day provides students, parents, teachers, and community leaders a chance to see the promising career opportunities in modern manufacturing and for all people to come together to celebrate the contributions of modern manufacturing to Oklahoma;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020, as

"MFG Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourteenth year.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE