



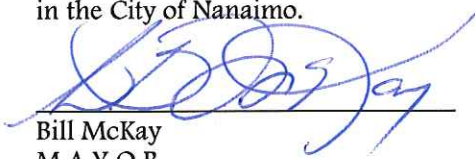
**PROCLAMATION
MANUFACTURING MONTH
OCTOBER 1 – 31, 2017**

- 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 \$45.8 billion in value-added output – equivalent to 7.2% of all economic activity in BC; and
- WHEREAS: Over 66% 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 170,000 people across the province with wages that are nearly 15.5% higher than the provincial average; 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 are 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, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim and declare that October 1 to 31, 2017 shall be known as:

'MANUFACTURING MONTH'

in the City of Nanaimo.


Bill McKay
MAYOR

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST 2017.

