

Whereas, Manufacturing is the cornerstone of Washington’s economy, accounting for 61% of Washington exports and representing 13% of the Gross Domestic Product; and

Whereas, Manufacturing fuels Washington’s economic growth, creates jobs, and is estimated that for every 1 traded sector manufacturing job in Washington, 1.6 additional local sector jobs are generated; and

Whereas, emerging technologies like 3D printing, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), solar cells, robotics, wave buoys and wind turbine components provide high paying jobs for Washingtonians and a vital economic base for Washington; and

Whereas, the manufacturing sector provides 19,750 jobs for Southwest Washingtonians including careers like welders, mechanics, machines, pipefitters, machine operators, engineers, accountants, IT professionals, business development and management professions, etc.; and

Whereas, college degrees that are in demand in the manufacturing sector include engineering, computer science, business, economics, math machine manufacturing technology, mechatronics, welding; and

Whereas, Workforce Southwest Washington in partnership with Columbia-Willamette Workforce Collaborative, Partners In Careers, Southwest Washington STEM Network, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Clark College, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, Educational School District 112, Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region, Impact Washington, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Lower Columbia College, Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Washington High Tech Council, nConnect, Washington State University Vancouver, WorkSource Kelso and WorkSource Vancouver, strive to assure that Southwest Washington has a well prepared manufacturing workforce that is ready to make Washington products today and in the future while providing new and rewarding manufacturing careers in Southwest Washington;

Now, therefore, I, Pete Poulsen, Mayor of the City of Kalama, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 to be “ **Manufacturing Month**” in Kalama and encourage all residents to observe this month.

Pete Poulsen, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk/Treasurer