

# Resolution



ORDER NO. 2023-1105

DATE: October 3, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, National Manufacturing Day is observed across the nation on the first Friday of October. This year, we will celebrate National Manufacturing Day on October 6, 2023, and it is a time to call attention to the importance of the manufacturing industry to our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas has been the top exporting state for more than 20 years. Texas manufacturing companies provided more than 897,000 jobs. During the first quarter of 2023 about 123,008 individuals were employed by the manufacturing industry in Dallas County. I am proud to highlight contributions of two cities in Dallas County. As a manufacturing hub of the area, The City of Garland is a major contributor to the local manufacturing industry with an estimated 461 companies that provide employment to around 11,200 individuals. The City of Mesquite employs an estimated 6,350 individuals in their manufacturing industry and is increasing their industrial building footprint by 18 million square feet between 2020 and 2030; and

**WHEREAS** Garland is known for its specialization in a variety of sectors such as electronic components, machinery and equipment, household products, plastics and chemicals, food and beverage, and automotive, and apparel. Manufacturers in Garland continue to adapt to the modern workforce, with some being recent additions to the city, and others having roots in Garland since the 1950's. Companies have invested in their operations with Garland inventory value growing by 25% over the year, surpassing the overall county growth of 12%; and

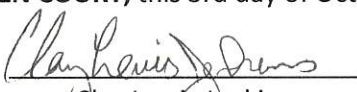
**WHEREAS**, Manufacturing jobs are evolving, and manufacturers are working hard to change the misperceptions of the traditional manufacturing industry that jobs are labor-intensive and happen in unfriendly environments. There are efforts to show educators, students, and parents that new manufacturing jobs require high-tech training in computers, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and can lead to financially rewarding, high paying jobs; and

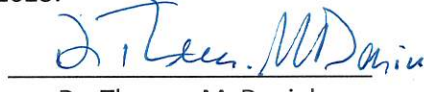
**WHEREAS**, Leading by example, The City of Mesquite, with its Mesquite Regional Business Retention and Expansion Task Force is hosting a Manufacturing Day Event on October 4, 2023 for high school students at Mesquite ISD's Vanguard High School. This event is designed to give students a hands-on experience with manufacturing companies. About 400 students will engage with companies that focus on engineering, robotics, welding, and design, to name a few. Students will also participate in plant tours and attend a job fair; and

**WHEREAS**, Although, an estimated 13 million manufacturing workers were employed across our nation in August 2023 there was still a significant shortage of skilled workers to meet employment demands. It is estimated that an additional 4 million manufacturing jobs will be needed by 2030 and that 2.1 million of those jobs may go unfilled if efforts are not put in place to create a modern workforce. We thank our local cities for their economic development efforts to expand business and for their efforts to prepare and develop the emerging workforce.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby designate October 6, 2023, as National Manufacturing Day in Dallas County, Texas. Thank you to all manufacturing workers and companies who help support our local economy.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this 3rd day of October, 2023.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
District 1

  
Andrew Sommerman  
District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
District 4