

Proclamation

Manufacturers' Week in Benton County
October 26 – 30, 2009

WHEREAS: The manufacturing industry is a dynamic part of Benton County's economy, and promotion of this sector's strength, success and high quality of life is an integral part of Benton County's economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS: In 2008 there were 9,262 manufacturing employers providing 335,475 jobs in the State of Minnesota and 88 manufacturing employers in Benton County with 4,513 employees; and

WHEREAS: The Manufacturing industry in Minnesota provided almost \$17.9 billion in 2008 wages and just under \$ \$201 million which is 37% of the total wages in Benton County; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing exports valued at more than \$17.3 billion for Minnesota in 2008; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing produces \$33.6 billion for the state economy and is the largest share, 17 percent, of our gross state product; and

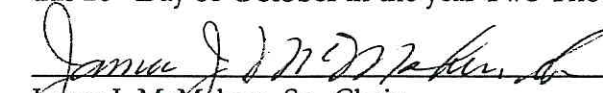
WHEREAS: In 2008, nine Benton County Manufacturing businesses contributed \$116,825 to the United Way of Central Minnesota to improve the quality of life for the residents of Benton County; and

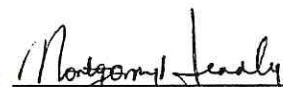
WHEREAS: Manufacturing provides high skill, high wage jobs which significantly contribute to Benton County's high standard of living and economic vitality.

NOW THEREFORE, I, James J. McMahon, Sr., the Benton County Board of Commissioners Chair, do hereby proclaim the week of October 26, 2009

Benton County, Minnesota Manufacturers' Week

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 20th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Nine


James J. McMahon, Sr., Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

Attest: 
Montgomery Headley, Benton County Administrator