

STATE *of* WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

# *Proclamation*

*Whereas*, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 1-28, 2021, as Career and Technical Education Month; and

*Whereas*, career and technical education increases graduation rates and improves academic performance through meaningful experiences, thus improving the quality of education, engaging students, preparing them for careers and post-secondary education, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

*Whereas*, career and technical education programs provide Americans with a school-to-careers connection and are the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the global marketplace; and

*Whereas*, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

*Whereas*, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators with business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

*Therefore*, be it resolved that, I, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim in the state of Wisconsin February Career and Technical Education Month to celebrate and promote the valuable training opportunities for Wisconsin students — our future workforce.

## **Career and Technical Education Month**

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