STATE of WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 2022 as Career and Technical Education Month; and

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

**Mereas*, career and technical education programs provide students with school-to-career connections, foster productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and are the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce in business and industry, which 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 and national economy by preparing graduates for career fields experiencing significant growth.

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim in the state of Wisconsin,

Career and Technical Education Month

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent