

WHEREAS; career and technical education improves academic performance, increases graduation rates, and prepares high school students across Wisconsin for postsecondary education and career success; and

WHEREAS; by providing students with core skills and meaningful experiences, career and technical education improves the quality of education in schools, engages students, and provides them with leadership opportunities in their fields and communities; and

WHEREAS; career and technical education programs serve as a foundation for the state's strong and highly educated workforce, offering Wisconsin students a reliable school-to-career connection; and

WHEREAS; career and technical educators across Wisconsin cooperate with business and industry to stimulate the growth and vitality of local economies, meet the challenges of new and additional responsibilities on educational systems, and prepare graduates for career fields that are expected to see major growth in the future; and

WHEREAS; as part of the state's ongoing efforts to advance career and technical education opportunities, Wisconsin students now have more than a dozen new occupational pathways that local employers can support through the Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Programs, which will help strengthen the connections among employers, educators, students, and communities, provide new opportunities for young people to build their futures, and foster Wisconsin's home-grown talent in critical industries that support local economies across the state; and

WHEREAS; while profound economic and technological changes in society have been rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, career and technical education in Wisconsin and across the United States continues to foster the spirit of productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship that has maintained the state's leadership in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and the Wisconsin Technical College System, along with community organizations and vested individuals throughout the state, in celebrating Wisconsin's proud history as a leader in career and technical education and in reflecting on the importance of career and technical education to the collective future of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 2023 as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State