

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

February 2020

as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, career and technical education in Michigan prepares students at the secondary and postsecondary levels to have the academic, technical, and work-behavior skills to enter, compete, and advance in education and their careers; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides a diverse delivery system that provides students with leadership opportunities in various career fields and allows them to experience rigorous and relevant application of workplace skills as well as to incorporate reading, writing, and mathematical skills throughout their program; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education serves as a career-and college-ready connection and is the foundation of a strong and well-educated workforce; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers students opportunities to earn college credit, industry certification, and licenses in high-wage, high-skill, in-demand fields; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with work-based learning experiences to provide Michigan with a highly skilled, sustainable workforce; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education participation is on the rise in Michigan, with CTE program completers increasing by 75 percent from 27,014 in 2014-2015 to 47,314 in 2018-2019; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and the Association for Career and Technical Education to encourage both youth and adults in Michigan to be ambassadors for career and technical education, to send the message that Michigan career and technical education students are prepared for 21st Century in-demand, high-skilled, and high-wage jobs, and to raise awareness that career and technical education is a key component in making Michigan a Top 10 education state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, proclaim February 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan.



Gretchen Whitmer

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Governor

