



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education prepares students to succeed in academics and careers in both established and emerging industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of North Carolina career and technical education is to empower all students to be successful residents, workers, and leaders in our global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education programs help students become the skilled workers employers need to perform the jobs of today and tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education programs in North Carolina provide education for all students in the areas of agriculture; business, finance, and marketing; career development; computer science, IT and technology education; family and consumer sciences; health science; trade and industrial education; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina career and technical student organizations such as DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, the National FFA Organization, HOSA - Future Health Professionals, SkillsUSA, and the Technology Student Association support the work of career and technical education programs to develop character, citizenship, leadership, and technical skills essential for students who are preparing for the workforce and further education; and

**WHEREAS**, along with North Carolina's 16 Career Clusters and over 70 State-supported Career Pathways, career and technical education programs aid in our state's workforce development efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act demonstrates the crucial mission of these initiatives to enhance student readiness for successful careers and strengthen North Carolina's workforce;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February, 2023, as "**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.