



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the mission of North Carolina secondary career and technical education is to empower students to be successful professionals and leaders in our global economy; and

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

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs provide opportunities for students to acquire durable skills through knowledge and skill development, reinforced by career exploration and experiences in work-based learning; 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, technology; family consumer sciences; health science; and 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 21st 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, 2024, as "**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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 twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.