

# State of North Carolina

## JOSH STEIN

### GOVERNOR

#### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

2026

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 Career and Technical Education is to empower all students to be successful citizens, workers, and leaders in our global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education programs help students become the skilled workers whom 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, with preparation for the future through a personalized career development plan; 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; family and consumer sciences; health science; and trade and industrial education; and

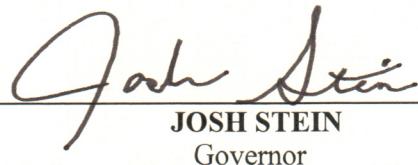
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina career and technical student organizations such as DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, the National FFA Organization, HOSA – Future Health Professionals, SkillsUSA, and the Technology Student Association support the work 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 Career Clusters Guide and state-supported Career Pathways Program, 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, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as **"CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH"** in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
JOSH STEIN  
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-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.