

Proclamation

WHEREAS, February 2021 is designated Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career & Technical Education and the Colorado Association for Career & Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employable skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students in Career and Technical Education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry nationwide and in Colorado report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity and information technology; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

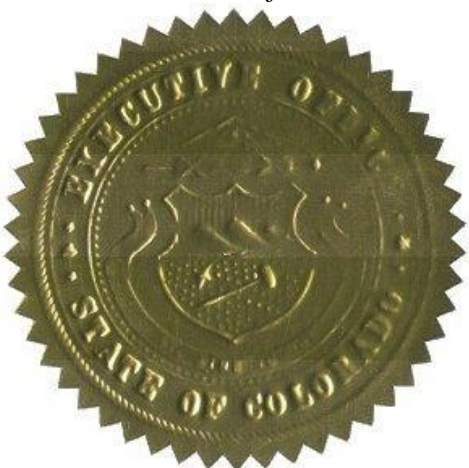
WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring that America and Colorado have strong and competitive economies;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2021, as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of February, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor