



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Career and technical education is the foundation of a successful and empowered workforce. These specialized learning programs provide insight into the industries that drive our modern economy and allow students to explore future career options; and

WHEREAS:

Career and technical education expands and diversifies learning experiences with practical instruction and expert guidance. These programs create engaging and supportive opportunities for students to develop leadership skills; and

WHEREAS:

Career and technical education equips individuals with skills to support successful careers, especially within industries forecasted to grow significantly in the next decade; and

WHEREAS:

Schools across Minnesota have partnered with their communities to bring local business owners and practitioners into classrooms. Students enjoy culinary classes taught by local chefs, woodworking classes led by local artisans, welding classes with shop owners, and health classes taught by nurses; and

WHEREAS:

By increasing cooperative efforts and enthusiastic participation among career and technical educators, secondary and postsecondary students, and community experts, we make a critical investment in the growth and vitality of our entire nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE