

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH FEBRUARY 2026

WHEREAS, 26,085 high school students are enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) across North Dakota gaining the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students who concentrate in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education as indicated by a 97.9% graduation rate from high school compared to 82% among all students statewide; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides career exploration opportunities through a statewide online system called RUReady.ND.gov, which is used in 95% of all schools, enabling students to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework; and

WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry statewide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including health care, energy, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture and information technology; and

WHEREAS, CTE prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and post-secondary education, including work-based learning; and

WHEREAS, the access and delivery of CTE programming enables local and school programs across the state to provide programs through distance delivery, ensuring more students have more opportunities to address their education, interests and career goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2026, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE