

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SKILLSUSA WEEK

FEBRUARY 2-6, 2026

WHEREAS, February 2-6, 2026 has been designated by the SkillsUSA national association as SkillsUSA Week; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong and educated workforce that fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to leadership in the national and global economies; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education and SkillsUSA give high school students empowering experiences in the meaningful application of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics as well as the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills including personal skills, workplace skills and technical skills grounded in academics, thus improving the quality of their education, providing increased motivation to learn and giving all students leadership opportunities in their career fields, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers students opportunities to learn skills and have career experiences that may lead to further education or meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative efforts of career and technical educators working with business and industry stimulate the vitality of our nation's economy by preparing graduates for careers forecast to experience the largest growth within the next decade; and


WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is the No. 1 workforce development organization for students preparing middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary students in technical, skilled and service career programs to be high-performance workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
February 2-6, 2026, **SKILLSUSA WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE