

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

WHEREAS, more than 23,000 high school students are enrolled in career and technical education across North Dakota gaining the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students who concentrate in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education as indicated by a 95 percent graduation rate from high school compared to 88 percent among all students statewide; and

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

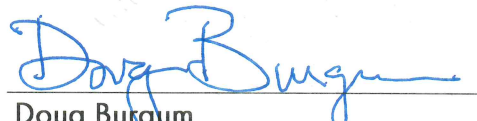
WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry statewide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including health care, energy, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture and information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


WHEREAS, career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and post-secondary education; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2021, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE