NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ==

SKILLSUSA WEEK FEBRUARY 5-9, 2024

WHEREAS, career and technical education (CTE) 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, CTE 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, CTE 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 the nation's economy by preparing graduates for careers forecast to experience the largest growth within the next decade; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a national organization for students preparing more than 380,000 student and teacher members annually enrolled in technical, skilled and service occupations in middle school, high school and college/postsecondary programs to be high performance workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 5-9, 2024, SKILLSUSA WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE