## NORTH DAKOTA

## E P R O C L A M A T I O N ===

## SKILLSUSA WEEK

FEBRUARY 7-13, 2021

WHEREAS, February 7-13, 2021, 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 a national organization for students preparing more than 372,000 students annually enrolled in technical, skilled and service occupations in middle schools, high schools and colleges/postsecondary programs to be high-performance workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2021, **SKILLSUSA WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE