



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SkillsUSA WEEK
FEBRUARY 4-10, 2018

WHEREAS, February 4-10, 2018, has been designated by the SkillsUSA national association as SkillsUSA Week; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system. Career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating at-risk students and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and communities; and

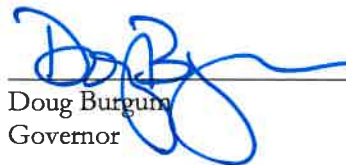
WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA a national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled and service occupations in high schools and colleges/technical schools helps its members become world-class workers and responsible Americans; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is preparing more than 395,000 students annually to be high-performing workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
FEBRUARY 4-10, 2018, **SkillsUSA WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State