

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

February 2024

as

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education in Michigan prepares students at the secondary and postsecondary levels to have the academic, technical, and work-behavior skills to enter, compete, and advance in education and their careers; and,

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education offers a diverse delivery system that provides students with leadership opportunities in various career fields, allowing for the rigorous and relevant application of workplace skills while incorporating reading, writing, and mathematics; and,

**WHEREAS**, career and technical educational programs serve as a career and college-ready connection and are the foundation of a strong and well-educated workforce and should be available to students in every corner of Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education offers students opportunities to earn college credit, industry certification, and licenses in high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand fields, as aligned with Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan to expand secondary learning opportunities for all students and increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential; and,

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education provides students with work-based learning experiences to provide Michigan with a highly skilled, sustainable workforce, which will help achieve the state's goal of reaching a 60% postsecondary education attainment rate by 2030; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Michigan Department of Education, career and technical education enrollment in Michigan continued to rise by 2.6% in 2022-23 to 108,874 students enrolled in CTE compared to 2021-22, with 106,077 students, and CTE program completers increased by 8.4% from 44,609 in 2021-22 to 48,334 in 2022-23; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and the Michigan Association for Career and Technical Education to encourage youths and adults in Michigan to be ambassadors for career and technical education, and to send the message that Michigan career and technical education students are prepared for 21st-century high-wage, high-skilled, and in-demand jobs

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, proclaim February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan.



*Gretchen Whitmer*

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Governor

