

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH FEBRUARY 2024

WHEREAS, 25,388 high school students are enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) across North Dakota gaining the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students who concentrate in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education as indicated by a 97.88% graduation rate from high school compared to 84% among all students statewide; and

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

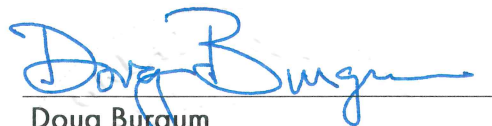
WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry statewide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including health care, energy, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture and information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


WHEREAS, CTE prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and post-secondary education, including work-based learning; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2024, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE