Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, February 2023 has been designated as Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education and will be celebrated with school-based activities around the country following this year's theme "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow"; and,

Whereas, profound economic and technological changes in our society are being reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new responsibilities on our educational system; and,

Whereas, Career and Technical Education provides the citizens of South Dakota with a school-to-career connection, the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our state's competitiveness in the international marketplace; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Career and Technical Education provides a total of over 31,000 high school students with experiences in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics and thus improving the quality of their education; and,

Whereas, Career and Technical Education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and personal satisfaction; and,

Whereas, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our state's economy by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the fastest growth into the next decade:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State