

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, February 1-29, 2024, has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and,

Whereas, career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical, and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and,

Whereas, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and,

Whereas, career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and,

Whereas, leaders from businesses and industries nationwide report challenges in addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and information technology; and,

Whereas, career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and,

Whereas, career and technical education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, and that America has a strong and competitive economy:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 2024, as

CTE 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 Twelfth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.


Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State