

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the month of February 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 early in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia offers 65 unique CTE programs of study in 16 industry career clusters that provide students with career exploration opportunities, enabling them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and
- Whereas,** during the 2024-2025 school year, there were 91,063 students in grades 6-12 who completed a CTE course; 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 ensuring that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and competitive economy.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 2026* as:

Career and Technical Education Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State