

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the national SkillsUSA Association has designated February 2-6, 2026, as SkillsUSA Week; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA provides students with school-to-career connections and strengthens the backbone of a dependable, well-prepared workforce, fostering productivity in business and industry and contributing to leadership in the national and international marketplace; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA provides practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, and advanced skills like critical thinking and reasoning, thus enhancing learning and motivation and giving all students leadership opportunities in their schools and communities; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA fosters and encourages lifelong learning to develop new skills and enhance existing ones, providing endless career choices and opportunities to grow one's potential; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA is a national organization for students preparing more than 423,000 students annually enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations in middle schools, high schools, and colleges/postsecondary programs to be high-performance workers; and
- Whereas,** the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of SkillsUSA advisors, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our economy and the entire nation by preparing graduates for critical, emerging, and fast-growing career fields; and
- Whereas,** SkillsUSA – a state and national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled, and service occupations in middle schools, high schools, technical colleges, and universities helps its members become world-class workers and responsible Americans.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *February 2-6, 2026*, as:

SkillsUSA Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this 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 Second 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