



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH  
February 2021**

*WHEREAS, career and technical education (CTE) 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 and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and*

*WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to 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, ensuring America is a strong and competitive economy.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 2021 to be CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this second day of February two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor