

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS;

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education (CTE) helps engage Kansas students in quality career pathways to help prepare them for a lifetime of opportunities as productive and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, CTE exposes students to a variety of career fields that offer ready employment and a competitive wage, and can lead to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or associate degree that allows them to enter the job market sooner and more prepared to be successful; and

WHEREAS, CTE covers a variety of fields - from health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management, and many more - and encompasses many different types of education, including classroom learning to certification programs and work-based learning opportunities even outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, students concentrating in CTE tend to have a higher graduation rate than the general student population, and a majority of those students graduate on time; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has 16 Career Clusters for students to choose from and 36 Career Cluster Pathways; and

WHEREAS, students in Kansas enrolled in 140,000 CTE courses and 23,555 were members of Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) during the last school year; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that employers have access to qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, more than 160 postsecondary CTE programs are available for students in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, more than 57,000 Kansas students enrolled in postsecondary CTE courses, of which more than 13,000 students were in high school; and

WHEREAS, The Smith-Hughes Act, the first act of Congress to provide funding for career and technical education, allows us to celebrate how CTE has become a powerhouse of America's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAURA KELLY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim this month of February 2020 as

Career and Technical Education Month.

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
February, A.D. 2019

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Laura Kelly in blue ink.

Secretary of State

Handwritten signature of Scott Schaefer in blue ink.
Handwritten signature of Sandy Tompkins in blue ink.

Assistant Secretary of State