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:

Secretary of State
Assistant Secretary of State