

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the month of February 2023 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, West Virginia's 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, 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 2021-2022 school year, there were 50,000 students in grades 6 - 12 that completed a CTE course; and

Whereas, career and technical education prepares students for in-demand careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and post-secondary 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 West Virginia's economy is strong and competitive.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 2023* as:

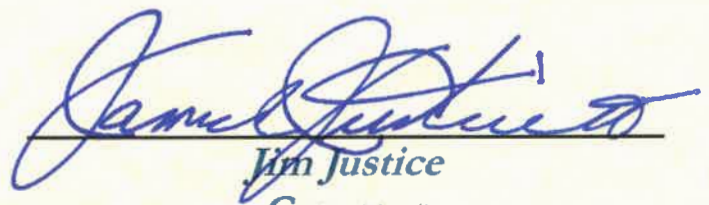
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance by acknowledging the importance of technical education and career readiness.


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 Thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State