WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new and responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, fostering productivity in business and industry and contributing to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education gives students practical, meaningful experience by offering integrated programs of study, thus improving the quality of their education and giving students leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education offers individuals opportunities to learn new skills, providing them with more career choices and better potential for job satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: The increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators at the secondary and postsecondary levels, along with business and industry, are stimulating the growth and vitality of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields that are forecasted to experience significant growth in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as:

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE