CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, career and technical education, in Michigan, prepares students to have the academic, technical, and work-behavior skills to enter, compete, and advance in education and their careers; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides a diverse delivery system that provides students with leadership opportunities in various career fields, and allows them to experience rigorous and relevant application of workplace skills as well as incorporating reading, writing, and mathematical skills throughout their program; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education serves as a career and college ready connection and is the backbone of a strong and well-educated workforce; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with work-based learning experiences to provide Michigan with a highly skilled, sustainable workforce; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Education and the Association for Career and Technical Education to encourage both youth and adults in Michigan to be ambassadors for career and technical education, and to send the message that the significance of career and technical education is ensuring Michigan students are prepared for 21st century high demand, high skilled, and high wage jobs; and a key component in making Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan.