## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

- **WHEREAS,** February 2022 has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and
- **WHEREAS,** CTE offers high school students and adult learners the opportunity to gain the academic, technical, and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and
- **WHEREAS,** students in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and
- **WHEREAS,** CTC provides high school students with career exploration opportunities, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and
- **WHEREAS,** CTE provides adult learners with the skills and credentials they need to increase their employment success in trades and technical fields; and
- WHEREAS, there are more than 5000 CTE students in Vermont in this type of meaningful education; and
- **WHEREAS,** CTE prepares students for fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and
- **WHEREAS,** ensuring that employers have access to a 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,** I have called on state leaders to put a greater emphasis on the value of CTE and the lucrative careers it leads to; and
- **WHEREAS,** I have proposed for education surplus funds to go toward enhancements and upgrades to CTE centers; direct investments to off-set pandemic-related costs suffered by CTE centers; the creation of a recruitment campaign to boost enrollment; and funds to pilot CTE training programs for emerging industries like electric aviation and electric vehicle sectors.

## NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 2022 as



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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of February, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Scott Governor