

SkillsUSA Week PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME—GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Feb. 5-11, 2017, has been designated by the national SkillsUSA Association as SkillsUSA Week; and

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

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating at-risk students and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA – a national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled, and service occupations in high schools and colleges/technical schools – helps its members become world-class workers and responsible Americans; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is preparing more than 300,000 students to be high-performance workers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **[NAME]**, **Governor of the State of [STATE]**, do hereby proclaim the week of Feb. 5-11, 2017, as

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in the State of **[STATE]** and urge all its citizens to acquaint themselves with the purposes and activities of SkillsUSA and to give help and encouragement to the members who are working hard to achieve the goals that will make them outstanding skilled workers in our communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the **State of STATE** to be affixed this ___ day of _____, in the year of our Lord 2017.