



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 2010 as Career and Technical Education Month; and

WHEREAS: Economic and technological changes in our society are placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education is vital to development of the strong, well-educated workforce needed for productivity in business and industry and for securing America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, leading to expanded career choices; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education gives high school students practical experience in basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thereby improving the quality of their education and providing leadership opportunities in their communities and fields of interest; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts between career and technical educators and members of the business and industrial communities stimulate local and national economic vitality by preparing graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the most growth in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 to be:

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs in their communities, and to enhance their work skills and productivity by participating in these programs.



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 twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE